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Tashlin, Williams to be added to mural wall

MIKE BAKER

Editor

There will soon be two new faces added to the sports wall of fame at Haliburton's A.J. LaRue Arena.

Olympian Lesley Tashlin and her brother, retired CFLer Taly Williams will be immortalized alongside some of the community's most revered athletes after Dysart council voted unanimously to officially recognize the pair and include them on the town's mural wall.

"I guess you could say we're righting a wrong that was overlooked," Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts stated during last week's meeting, which took place virtually on June 22.

The issue itself has been driven almost exclusively by a Grade 7/8 French Immersion class at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, who have spent three months passionately fighting to have Tashlin and Williams appropriately recognized for their athletic accomplishments.

Tashlin is Haliburton County's only Olympian, having represented Canada at the 1996 summer games in Atlanta, Georgia. She participated in two events – the 100-metre hurdles and 4 x 100-metre relay. Williams, on the other hand, was Haliburton's first professional footballer, see **COUNCIL** page 4



Honouring our 2021 graduates

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Chris Boulay, from left standing, teacher Jessica Lloyd, teacher Alexis David and vice-principal Jennifer Mills were part of a group to receive the banner recognizing the academic achievement of 113 graduating students that includes Emma Mitchell, kneeling from left, Megan Klose, Jaylin Frost and valedictorian Bence Suranyi on Thursday, June 24 in Haliburton. The Haliburton and District Lions Club, who paid for the banner and coordinated with Boulay on the idea, were represented for the photo with members Jim Frost, from left at back, Marilyn Frost, Joan Stinson, Stanley Gross, Gerald Hadley, Betty Mills and David Mills. The idea for the banner, which was produced by Parker Pad and Printing in Haliburton, came from a Lions member from North Dakota, who suggested the idea last year during a trivia night event held online using Zoom. The banner will be hung from the railing on the veranda at the Haliburton County Echo office on Highland Street for the next several weeks./DARREN LUM Staff

County's shoreline bylaw to be prepared for fall

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A new shoreline preservation bylaw for Haliburton County should be ready

for final approval by council by October, county councillors heard during a June 23 online meeting.

Council received an introductory presentation from representatives of Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. and

engineering and planning firm J.J. Richards and Associates, the companies that have been hired by the county for the creation of the bylaw.

The county had begun meetings see **EXTENDED** page 16

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Firefighters with the Dysart et al Fire Department work to put out the fire at a residence on Kennis Lake Road in West Guilford on Tuesday morning, June 22. /DARREN LUM Staff

From the ashes gives rise to generosity and heroism

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Last week, disaster in West Guilford was averted because of a working smoke alarm and an eight-year-old with the presence of mind to take his four-year-old cousin and alert his aunt of the fire.

At 7:28 a.m. there were 20 firefighters and six fire trucks that were deployed to a residence on fire on Kennis Lake Road in West Guilford. They arrived to flames and smoke coming from the roof of the single-storey house. Everyone was out of the house by then. Close to 11 a.m., the fire was contained and the firefighters returned to base. The house was a total loss, valued at \$300,000.

While the firefighters worked to extinguish the fire, the community was busy helping however they could, whether it has been with financial donations, or temporarily having the two boys, Walker Davis Brown and Angus Gryphon Wowk from the affected families, as provided by neighbours Mark and Brandon Stamp, or how the school principal of Stuart Baker Elementary School, Karyn Linton Marra came to the scene to help and upon seeing her students in robes left and returned with two complete ensembles, including shoes for the boys to keep. The school had also accepted donations for the family during the assigned times for all of its students, who were dropping off school equipment and picking up student work or belongings left from the year.

The boys' grandmother Gayle Crosmaz has posted to Facebook about how much the families have appreciated the support and the compassion extended in their time of need.

She started the Help Gayle's personal emergency fundraiser on Facebook. So far there has been \$6,172 raised of a \$25,000 goal. She said the families are still assessing what's needed, but the hope is to find a house to rent for four adults and two children. Gayle said they want to remain in the community that has treated them so well. Currently, they are in Campbellford with family.

From Gayle, "The family also want to convey their deepest regards to all the community members [whose] support they have received, it is amazing how many peo-

ple stepped up to offer assistance to my family. We are blessed, every personal and sacred items that have memories and/or fond attachments survived the fire. They did not have monetary value only heartfelt value," she wrote. "Blessings from Gayle Crosmaz and my family."

This includes daughters Natalie Crosmaz-Brown and Lezly-Ann Crosmaz-Brown, Nick Wowk, Opa and the boys, Walker Davis Brown and Angus Gryphon Wowk.

Through Gayle, a submission by one of the three grandfathers (who wished to remain unnamed) to the boys explained what happened that Tuesday morning on June 22.

"I am one of three grandfathers to the boys in this, and have been asked to speak for the family. On Tuesday morning, June 22, a fire destroyed our home, but the story of what happened inside that house is far more important. Walker, on the day of the fire explained to me, in great detail, what happened in there and I hope I can convey it to you as accurately as it deserves. Walker was lying on the living room couch watching cartoons, facing away from the kitchen/dining room area, which is large and open. The smoke detector goes off, Walker sits up and sees that Angus is close to the walls and the corner that [is] covered in flames and smoke. He moves toward the fire, takes Angus' hand and says something like, 'we have to go Angus' and walks him toward the front door, on the way, shouting to his Aunt, who doesn't know the other side of her wall is on fire. Walker unlocks the night bolt, opens the front door and takes four-year-old Angus down the front stairs to the parking area.

"We estimated from Walker's description that from smoke detector to parking area was probably less than 30 seconds. In that time he assessed the danger, formed a plan, and calmly carried out that plan. He is eight, eight! You cannot improve on what he did. You hear things like this, but you never in your wildest imaginings, think you'll ever live them. If you read this, it's hard not to be moved by what these boys did. From this very grateful family, to all grandparents and to others, if you can, hug them every chance you get, because you, like myself, have no idea what's coming at us next. To Walker Davis Brown and Angus Gryphon Wowk, thanks, from Opa and all of us for being what you are."

Ontario moving into Step 2 of reopening plan

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Beginning tomorrow, Haliburton residents will be able to schedule haircuts, get their nails done and hang out with up to 25 friends outdoors as Ontario moves into Step 2 of its latest 'Roadmap to Reopen'.

Public health restrictions will loosen as of 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30. With the move, indoor gatherings with people outside of your immediate household will be allowed for the first time in months, with up to five people permitted to gather.

There are numerous changes to retail, dining and indoor services. Essential retail stores can open to 50 per cent capacity; non-essential retail stores can open to 25 per cent capacity; stores in shopping malls can reopen;

outdoor dining expands to six people per table; public libraries can open up to 25 per cent capacity; and religious services and other ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, can be held at 25 per cent capacity.

Recreationally, outdoor fitness classes can run providing participants remain three metres apart from one another; no-contact outdoor sports such as tennis can start up again; overnight camps will be reopened for children; outdoor water parks, fairs, festivals and amusement parks can reopen with 25 per cent capacity; and outdoor concerts, theatres, cinemas, sports facilities, horse racing and motor speedways can reopen at 25 per cent audience capacity.

Ontario will likely remain in Step 2 for the full 21 days before transitioning to Step 3, meaning the next step will be ushered in on July 21.

Smith says 'maybe there won't always be an arena' in Dysart

MIKE BAKER

Editor

A recent discussion on increasing ice fees at A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton caused one councillor to question the feasibility of the facility moving forward.

Ward 4 Coun. John Smith expressed concerns over the approximate \$500,000 deficit the arena operates on annually after Andrea Mueller, Dysart's events and recreation coordinator, suggested the municipality pass on a three per cent increase in winter ice rates to the arena's user groups for the 2021/22 season, in an attempt to recoup some of the additional costs the township has incurred in recent years.

This is the first proposed increase to winter ice rates since 2018.

Mueller mentioned she had been in discussions with organizations such as the Highland Storm, who, she said, would be able to stomach a three per cent increase, but couldn't manage much more than that.

She felt it was important, too, that Dysart keep its arena fees in line with neighbouring municipalities and facilities. She noted Minden Hills were considering implementing a three per cent increase in ice fees at the recently redeveloped S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

"We're hoping to keep costs relatively the same between Haliburton and Minden. We don't want our [arena] priced too much higher than Minden's. We may lose some user groups if fees aren't somewhere along the same lines," Mueller said. "We realize we have to have an increase, but we're trying to make it so that it's manageable for user groups, then once we get through COVID-19, perhaps we can look at a higher increase a year or two from now."

Council voted to implement a three per cent increase for the upcoming season, but held off on making any further commitments beyond 2021/22.

That point was of particular importance to Smith, who didn't want Dysart to commit to a fixed number regarding ice rental rates too far into the future.

In fact, his preference, it appeared, was for council to not commit, one way or the other, to operating A.J. LaRue arena too far into the future.

"It's been noted that Highland Storm registration is down. The reality is the arena costs a lot of money, and there's very few people in our community who make



use of it... Maybe there won't always be an arena [in Dysart]," Smith said. "We're spending a ton of money already – more than \$500,000 is the net cost [annually]. Maybe it's the only facility in town that costs that much money, and when we look at it on a per user basis, most of our community is never inside the hockey arena on the ice surface."

He added, "It's council's responsibility to look at where dollars are allocated and whether we're putting them in the right place."

Ward 5 Coun. Walt McKechnie launched a staunch and passionate defense of the arena.

"To me, that statement [to close the arena] is just the kiss of death to a community," McKechnie said. "We're coming through tough times in the pandemic, now some of you are thinking about closing the arena. To me, that's outrageous. I would 100 per cent not be in favour of that."

McKechnie believes the lower-than-usual registra-

tion for the Highland Storm is down to families having to cut costs during the pandemic, and not wanting to risk exposing their children to the virus by having them play against kids from outside of their bubble.

Regarding the costs of the arena, McKechnie, as a retired professional hockey player, said he would be willing to "get creative" to come up with ways to raise funds to ensure the arena's doors remain open.

"If it takes people like me to get out and help market, and get families out playing hockey again, so be it. Hockey is a great game. Haliburton has a great history with hockey here," McKechnie said. "It breaks my heart to think some of you would even think about closing the arena. Not many communities don't have losses in their arenas, it's part of the service that brings people here."

Mayor Andrea Roberts quickly redirected talks, noting the future of A.J. LaRue arena wasn't, at present, up for discussion.

Dysart's 2020 books given the all clear by municipal auditor

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Dysart et al's ability to "quickly adapt to the COVID-19" pandemic last spring paid dividends in their 2020 year-end accounts according to the municipality's auditor.

Thomas Turnbull, of Grant Thornton LLP, painted a rosy financial picture for council and township staff last Tuesday, June 22 when presenting Dysart's audited financial statements.

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2020, the municipality had a surplus of close to \$606,000, after initially projecting a deficit of around \$250,000.

"I think there needs to be a pat on the back for management and yourself as councillors for moving through the pandemic in the way that you did. There hasn't been a significant impact to your [financial] statement at all," Turnbull said. "For a municipality, as a larger organization, you've done quite a good job of switching gears – getting things more virtual, still offering programs, albeit not in-person, and continuing operations in the way you did. It's impressive."

The municipality's total expenses for 2020 came in at \$15.36 million, more than \$1 million less than they had initially projected to spend, while revenues came in at \$15.96 million, around \$300,000 less than was projected.

While revenues in 2020 were in line with where they were in 2019, expenses were up substantially – with an

extra \$1.76 million spent this year compared to last year.

Turnbull said there was a reason for that, and it isn't necessarily a negative.

"This is where the landfill liability issue comes in, and a swing has taken place [this year]. If you remember last year, there was a bit of a swing down in expenses because of how the landfill liability changed, this year it swung the other way, so has created what appears to be a [big] increase in expenses... There's really nothing to be concerned about there," Turnbull said.

He did point out, too, that there had been an increase in costs associated with haulage and processing of waste and recyclables, which had also contributed to the increase in expenses.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said she was pleased Turnbull hadn't identified any "red flags", commending council for the "responsible job" they're doing as stewards of municipal funds.

Looking ahead to the rest of 2021, Turnbull said there were several areas council should be mindful of spending-wise as things start to open up again in Ontario.

"As we start to switch back to in-person ways of doing things, I would suggest you watch out for discretionary spending. Once we go back, there will be more costs," Turnbull said. "With people [being back in the office], you'll be spending more money on supplies, and those supplies will cost you more now... With demand and the shutdown of plants and things like that, people haven't had time to manufacture things, so the cost of things has gone up and delivery times are taking longer, so that's something to monitor, for sure."

A discussion on increasing ice rental rates at a recent Dysart council meeting descended into two councillors debating the merits of keeping A.J. LaRue arena open versus shutting it down. /MIKE BAKER Staff.

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Council makes 'huge amends' as Tashlin, Williams set to be recognized

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representing the Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Canadian Football League in the 1990s. The pair grew up in town, attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. They each set numerous athletics records during their time at HHSS, some of which still stand to this day.

The siblings' stories were shared with the entire student body at JDHES one morning this past February as part of the school's Black History Month programming. Many from Marina Thomazo's Grade 7/8 class questioned why they had never heard of Tashlin or Williams before. They spent time in class researching their careers and accomplishments and approached their teacher about doing something to recognize them.

"They felt inspired by what [Tashlin and Williams] did, coming from here. They wanted them to be recognized and celebrated, as they should," Thomazo recently told the *Echo*.

The class soon drafted a letter and sent it to Roberts, who presented it to the rest of council in late March. The students' request, to add Tashlin and Williams to the community's mural wall at the arena, was forwarded to Dysart's cultural resource committee. A sub-committee was then formed, including community members, a council representative and two students from Thomazo's class, who continued to work on the file.

Jim Blake, known primarily to the community through his role as curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, was a key member of that sub-committee. Their collective purpose was threefold, as Blake informed council last Tuesday. First, they



Take note of the space to the left of the mural commemorating retired CFLer Mike Bradley. Haliburton-raised athletes Lesley Tashlin, an Olympian who represented Canada at the 1996 Summer Olympics, and her brother Taly Williams, the community's first pro football player, will soon be added to the Haliburton wall of fame. /MIKE BAKER Staff.

were to establish criteria for recognition on the mural wall; recommend candidates for recognition based on who meets that specific criteria; and identify who and how candidates will be chosen, and who is responsible for the ongoing management of the mural wall.

Nominations can be made to the Dysart cultural resource committee, and will be reviewed on an annual basis. Nominations must be submitted prior to, or on July 31 each year.

It was important, Blake noted, that the criteria identified by the committee apply to the five individuals already honoured on the wall – former NHLers Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse and Cody Hodgson, current NHLer Matt Duchene and retired CFLer Mike Bradley – as well

as any future potential candidate.

"We looked at a number of factors when developing the criteria... Athletes considered must have connection with Dysart in their formative years. After high school, they must have achieved excellence in organized sport at an elite level, and they must have served as a positive role model and inspiration for local youth," Blake said.

Using this criteria, Blake said that Tashlin and Williams were prime candidates to be honoured on the mural wall.

In his presentation, he included a near five-minute video compiled by the Grade 7/8 students from JDHES, explaining why they believe Tashlin and Williams deserved to be recognized.

"Lesley Tashlin was the fastest 100-metre hurdler in 1995 in Canada, and seeing her in person would have been even more impressive from what we've heard from people who were lucky enough to watch her train, see her compete on TV, or participate in one of her 'Need For Speed' clinics she coached at HHSS back in the 90s," said Sierra, one of the student leaders behind the movement.

"This Haliburton-grown athlete was an OFSAA champion for badminton and track and field during her time at HHSS. No wonder she won the 1987 HHSS female Athlete of the Year award. Lesley still holds the 100-metre hurdles record at HHSS after 34 years," another student commented.

Over the course of her career, Tashlin represented Canada at six major international competitions, including appearances at two PanAmerican games, two Commonwealth games and the 1996 Olympics.

"When we look at Lesley, we can easily identify with her. She grew up here, she ran the same tracks, went to the same schools as we did and was a role model

to her siblings and loved her sport... We believe Lesley has not been recognized by her hometown in the way she should be," a third student stated.

As Haliburton's first pro footballer, the students believed Williams paved the way for some of the community's future footballing stars, such as Bradley, who first appeared in the league in 2002.

"When we see Taly, we see an upbeat, versatile athlete who was not only competent at any sport he encountered, but an athlete who was able to learn a sport in a very short period of time and showed above average ability... We also see a well-balanced student and athlete. Being academic and athletic and excelling at both doesn't come without hard work and talent," the students noted about Williams. "It's time for the town Taly grew up in to celebrate him and give him what he deserves. He inspires us. He's one of us."

Ward 3 Coun. Tammy Donaldson said it "was amazing how everyone pulled together" during this movement, while Roberts commended the students for the hard work and tenacity they displayed throughout their three-month campaign.

"It's pretty exciting when you think about it, that a letter from some Grade 7/8 students was able to generate this amount of interest and conversation," Roberts said, noting that the story had gained national coverage through Athletics Canada, the CFL, *Toronto Star* and Olympics-affiliated publications.

The decision makes history for two reasons, Blake pointed out. First, Tashlin and Williams will be the first Black athletes to be commemorated on the mural wall. Second, this marks the first time that the community's youth has played a direct part in shaping official municipal policy in Dysart.

"Well done to everyone involved," Blake concluded.

Reflecting on the ordeal, Thomazo says she is immensely proud of her students for the work they've collectively put in since this issue first came forward in March.

"What happened was just right. This is a huge amends," Thomazo said on council's decision. "I feel so proud of my students. They have shown passion, leadership, resilience, great researching skills, tenacity and defiance. It all started with a simple email... They never gave up."

Now that the murals have been approved, efforts to help pay for them can begin. Thomazo says her students will play an active role in fundraising the approximate \$20,000 needed to complete the project. Donors who give \$50 or more will receive a tax receipt from the municipality.

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Amardeep Bhogal, left, and Kinderpal Singh, right, recently relocated to Haliburton from the GTA. Bhogal is the newest optometrist at Haliburton Vision Care Centre, beginning her new role on June 7. Singh is expected to join his wife in practise this fall. /MIKE BAKER Staff

New optometrist feels she 'found the perfect fit' in Haliburton

MIKE BAKER

Editor

When Amardeep Bhogal took her first drive through Haliburton a little over a month ago, she felt right at home in the community.

Having recently joined the team at Haliburton Vision Care Centre, Bhogal, who moves to the area alongside her husband Kinderpal Singh, is looking forward to building her practice as an optometrist.

"My husband and I have always spent a lot of time up north. We tend to spend quite a bit of time in communities like Haliburton, so when the opportunity came up, we took it," Bhogal told the *Echo*. "I find that smaller communities, the people appreciate you a little more, you can get connections going and feel like you're providing a service in a more impactful way. That was our primary draw to Haliburton."

Singh will be joining his wife in practice later this fall, as soon as his Ontario license comes through. Singh has been a trained optometrist in the UK since 2014, but had to complete an international bridging program at the University of Waterloo to be accredited here in Canada.

Bhogal has practiced in the GTA since 2014, having previously completed her optometry degree in Boston.

The pair take over the local practise vacated by Dr. Lorne Kay earlier this year, who retired after spending 16 years working in the community.

Speaking to the *Echo*, Kay said his favourite part of working in Haliburton "was definitely the people." He spent three days every other week working in town after taking over Dr. David Hornfield's practice back in 2004.

"I live in Toronto full-time, so Haliburton was a very nice getaway for me. It was a very pleasant place to spend time. I would consider it a working holiday each week that I came to town – I'd work during the

day, seeing very friendly people, and then kick back and relax during the evening," Kay said. "I really enjoyed the slower pace of a small town."

In retirement, he plans to enjoy "a few cruise vacations" just as soon as the industry fully opens up again. Kay passed on his well wishes to Bhogal and Singh, telling the community they were in very good hands.

"Today's graduates are much more extensively trained than what I had when I went to optometry school in the 1970s," he said.

Bhogal's first working day in town was June 7. She will be on-site every Monday and Friday, and will be adding more days in the fall once Singh receives his accreditation.

While she has taken on Kay's clientele, Bhogal is also welcoming new patients. Speaking to the *Echo*, she went into detail about what optometrists do.

"We're kind of that frontline eye care health professional. We assess vision, assess ocular health, assess binocular vision, need for glasses, need for surgeries and triage regular care in our clinic, or triage upwards for ophthalmologists," Bhogal said. "We like to think of ourselves as being the primary eye care profession, and then bridging or connecting to other eye care professions if needed. We're people's first stop, essentially, for eye care."

Having already spent a few weeks in town, Bhogal has quickly started to feel like she belongs. So much so that she and her husband are already planning to be here for the long haul.

"We really like it so far. We're loving the scenery, it's such a beautiful area, then in terms of people, everyone is really friendly, really chatty. People want to get to know you, which has been really cool. You don't get that working in the city too much," Bhogal said. "When we were looking where we wanted to be, we knew it had to be a smaller community, somewhere we could be for a long time. It looks like we found the perfect fit here in Haliburton."



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Fighting for change

THE KIDS, they did alright. OK, maybe they did better than just alright.

When word first got out a few months ago that a collection of elementary school students had banded together to ask why a pair of hugely successful athletes had not and were not being recognized for their accomplishments and celebrated in their hometown, it piqued the interest of many within our community.

I remember discussing the issue for the first time with reporter Darren Lum, who broke the story in March. This group of Grade 7/8 students from J.D. Hodgson, under the tutelage of teacher Marina Thomazo, conducted their own research, formed a valid, multi-faceted argument and then sent a letter to Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts seeking answers to some very pertinent questions.

They left no stone unturned in their attempts to raise awareness about the careers of Lesley Tashlin and Taly Williams.

Tashlin was a bonafide world-class track and field star during the 1990s, representing Canada at six major international competitions, including the 1996 Summer Olympics. Williams played a few seasons in the Canadian Football League, representing both the Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger-Cats, making him Haliburton's first professional footballer.

And yet, despite these lofty accomplishments, you'd be hard pressed to find anything in Haliburton that acknowledges the pair.

That is about to change. As reported on the front page of this week's *Echo*, Dysart council has agreed to emblazon Tashlin and Williams' likeness on the Haliburton

wall of fame at A.J. LaRue Arena. The siblings will join the likes of Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Cody Hodgson, Matt Duchene and Mike Bradley in being immortalized as murals.

It's pretty incredible that all of this came about due to the hard work of a classroom of young teenagers. The youth of today, generally speaking, get a bad rap for lacking drive and vision. They're accused of having things handed to them on a silver platter, spending too much time on video games or sitting in front of a television screen, and caring about

little else than their favourite celebrity's recent Twitter or Instagram post.

Clearly, Thomazo's Grade 7/8 class are made of different stuff. They broke the mould. Collectively, they did a phenomenal job of not only bringing the community's attention to a pair of undervalued athletes, but of inspiring real change. Because of their work, future generations will

be able to look to the Haliburton wall of fame and draw inspiration from the stories of not five, but seven inspirational people.

It's important to note just how positive a step this is for the community. Tashlin and Williams both represent minorities – the pair of them being Black athletes, and Tashlin a woman. For a community that is growing, both culturally and in terms of population numbers, it's vital that we recognize *all* of our major success stories. That we send the message that we support and respect those that flew the Haliburton banner on the grandest stage.

Kudos again to the Grade 7/8 class who fought for change, and to all those that assisted along the way.



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Editorial



Late-spring sunset

by Darren Lum

Ancient ruins

THE BIRDS were especially vocal that morning. Monika watched them as they gorged on pin cherries and called back and forth from the birch trees. It was as though they had got together in a fluttering chirping flock and decided to make their presence known to all the world. Or at least all the world on Monika's five acres.

There was a trail that started in a meadow then wound through the forest, coming out behind her house. She often walked there. The tall evergreens splattered with sunlight echoed with bird song, the wind carrying their music between the swaying branches. On days when the world came too close to her little country door, a walk along the trail seemed to put things right once again.

Monika had noticed young boys on their bikes coming out of the trees and crossing through her back yard. This was something new. If she had to guess their ages, she thought they might be around 7 or 8 years old. One of them lived with his sisters just down the road from her. His name was Leo and Monika could tell even at his young age that he was headed for great things. A big personality in a small body, Leo never failed to give her a smile and wave as he sped past her house on his bike.

And it was that same bike that she saw today, resting on its side at the start of the forest trail. Assuming Leo was not far away, she continued her walk and wondered what he was up to. No sign of Leo.

Maybe he's building a fort with his friends, she mused, looking at the trees and wondering which might suit that purpose. However most of the branches started too high for youngsters to grab and pull themselves up. If you're going to build a fort in a tree, it had to be reachable. This from Monika's own experience. No point in having to bring a chair or stool to climb a tree. That destroyed the whole fantasy of the endeavour.

A tree fort had to be your own cre-

ation, made with scavenged materials and plenty of rope. Soft evergreen boughs could make a comfortable place to recline and watch the world go by from a vantage point high above the everyday and ordinary. Binoculars and comics were handy to have but all a person really needed was the right location and an imagination. Stranded on a desert island and using the tree fort as a lookout was always a good way to go. Or perhaps there were criminals hiding out in the bush and your job was to keep watch and then warn the authorities with your walkie talkie if you spotted the bad guys.

As her mind was busy in those directions, Monika almost missed the movement off to her side. But she wouldn't have missed the young voice calling her name. Sure enough, there was Leo walking rapidly toward her ahead of several other boys. His face glistened with moisture from his exertions, a smear of dirt coloured his cheek and his eyes shone with excitement.

Catching his breath, he waited politely as

Monika greeted him and asked him what was happening. Then with great drama in his voice, he announced he thought they had found some ancient ruins in the bush. He said the site looked really old and maybe people had once lived there. Monika looked around but saw nothing. However the ground was uneven and a hill can hide whatever is on the other side. As Monika looked properly impressed with Leo's revelation, she waited to hear more. After a pause, he then lowered his voice and his enthusiasm somewhat. Maybe, he said, maybe it was just some old hydro poles dumped in the bush. But you never know, he continued over his shoulder, heading back to his friends.

Ancient ruins, thought Monika. Better ancient ruins than some of what is being dug up in other places these days.

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points of view

In the blink of an eye

I HAVE ALWAYS believed there is nothing more dangerous than a bored man on a rainy day – especially if there is nothing good on TV. For, on days like that, we have nothing but time. And that means we will invariably wreak havoc upon the household by starting unneeded projects or worse, dream up what seems like, at the time, a good idea.

Lucky for Jenn, and the free world in general, the idea I came up with was actually a good idea.

"What are you doing?" Jenn asked as she sat on the couch reading.

"Testing out a new technique," I replied.

And then, when she blinked, I took a quick step forward.

"It seems like you are moving towards me every time I blink," she said. And then, as if to confirm it, when she blinked again, I quickly stepped forward.

Jenn is smarter than most, and most are smarter than me, so I knew I could not keep my idea hidden from her any longer, no matter how hard I tried.

"Ah yes," I elucidated. "What you are witnessing is the birth of a revolutionary infiltration tactic that I – if given the proper security clearance, a few medals and commensurate rank – will train our special forces and spies in. I call it Blink Stealth."

"So BS for short?" she quizzed.

"Well, yes," I replied. "And you are looking at the Master of BS."

She quickly picked up her computer, hit a few keys, smiled and then replied, "I've just ordered you the T-shirt."

By that point, she had blinked

four more times, so when she looked up, I was literally standing beside her.

"You didn't even see me coming, did you?" I asked.

"Now imagine if I was disguised as a tree or floor lamp..."

Feigning, quite convincingly, a total lack of interest, Jenn ignored me and resumed reading.

As I said, she is smart.

As a result of that abnormality, I suppose she saw the utility in not having anything to disclose to potential enemies should she ever get captured.

Still, if you ignored the look of total indifference, you could see she was curious. For every time she blinked and opened her eyes, I was in a slightly different location.

"The object," I began, "is to confuse the enemy..."

"I can't believe I am asking this, but what if the enemy doesn't blink frequently, or what if there are many enemies who are not blinking simultaneously?" she said.

I paused thoughtfully for a moment.

"Admittedly, my BS has limited applications," I replied.

"For instance, it would work extremely well if we ever wanted to infiltrate an onion peeling plant, or perhaps sneak up on someone in a sandstorm or when black flies are really annoying and focusing on your eyes..."

Satisfied, she returned to reading her book.

"And maybe if an enemy operative is emerging from an overly chlorinated pool or dark movie theatre on a sunny day or is about to cry because they heard a touching contestant story on American Idol or just sprayed themselves in the eyes with bear repellent... Come to think of it, this covers most of your average espionage situations," I beamed.

As you can see, I was really onto something. But throughout the day, during my test phase, I also discovered a weakness in this system that I would probably have to address. You see, the more I tried to use my system on Jenn, the more she was onto me and, for some strange reason, annoyed.

That's when it occurred to me. Jenn is a former journalist and editor – and those people have better than average BS detectors.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This picture shows a group of students on the last day of school in 1948. They are having a picnic on Pike's Peak, Minden. From left, Bev Little (Forbes), Phyllis Moore (Bishop), Marjorie Hadley (Hallam), Cairine McCarey (Figueiredo), Gala Coulter (Stamp), Marie Gibbs. /Submitted by Edna (Hadley) Morgan of Minden. This image was originally published in June 2011.

letters to the editor

A helpful tip

To the Editor,

Here's a decent idea.

Over the last few months, I personally have saved a few hundred dollars in haircut costs... which means that my hairstylist has lost that exact same amount in earnings.

When hairstylists and barbers go back to work over the next few days, we'll all be getting our long-awaited trims and styles. Hurray! Most of us have a very personal relationship with our personal groomers, so why not show our support for their financial hardship during the pandemic shut-

down of their livelihoods by sharing part of our hair-care savings with them?

This is my plan: at my first haircut in months next week, I will pay for the cut and add a \$100 tip, which is a fraction of what I saved during the hair salon closures. If all of us did this, our hair-care professionals would get a much-needed boost, not only in their income, but more importantly in their morale.

Here's hoping this idea really catches on,

René Benoit,
Haliburton, ON

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Kawartha Lakes	8	24	0	1,090	1,038	46	44	13
Northumberland	2	4	0	944	925	32	17	0
Total***	10	33	0	2,156	2,084	81	62	13

COVID-19 case counts decrease

Haliburton County has no active cases of COVID-19, according to a June 28 data upload by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit. That day, three new cases were reported in City of Kawartha Lakes for a total of eight, and no new cases in Northumberland County for a total of two active cases. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU website



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Haliburton community mourns the loss of 'special' teacher Derek Little

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Derek Little was many things – a father, a brother, a son, a friend. He was a teacher and a true community leader.

On June 11, Haliburton lost one of its true champions. Little passed away following an almost two-and-a-half year battle with brain cancer. Immediately following his passing, the *Echo* started to hear stories from those who knew him. It was clear, from the get go, that Derek was a truly special person.

Much of that can be traced back to his upbringing.

Tom MacLeod grew up with Derek in Blairhampton. He remembers a man who cared for his family and friends, and who always stood up for what he felt was right.

"Derek was raised properly by his parents, Alec and Zetta, who instilled in him the core values of family, hard work, persistence, and respect for others. A testament to the Little family's dedication is the fact that Derek and his four siblings never missed one single day of school, right up until they graduated high school," MacLeod said. "Those with knowledge of Blairhampton winters will understand that the roads did not always get plowed immediately after heavy snowfalls. That never stopped the Littles from plodding through several kilometres of knee-deep snow to get to the main highway to meet the bus."

Derek always held a deep love for learning and continued education. According to his mother, he knew right from a young age that he wanted to pursue a career as a teacher.

After graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Derek attended Lakehead University, graduating in May 1992. He would then spend a year at teacher's college, graduating in June 1993 before heading home a fully qualified educator.

His first job was at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. It wasn't long before his talents took him to greener pastures – back to HHSS.

Gary Brohman was the principal at the time that Derek arrived.

"Derek Little began his teaching career teaching science subjects. I soon realized he had many other capabilities – he taught mathematics, co-op, physical and health education with an enthusiasm and skill that brought the curriculum to a level of engagement that his students loved," Brohman recalls.

Carrie Harrison remembers her first encounter with "Mr. D" as he was affectionately known throughout his career. It was her first day of Grade 9 at HHSS.

"I remember being so scared and so worried about starting out at high school. I was so unsure of how it was going to go. I remember walking into math class – the applied level of math – and there he was, Derek Little sitting behind the desk waiting for us all to pile in," Harrison said. "I knew some faces and wasn't sure of others, but Derek helped settle us all in, and he was a great teacher. He was a no bull crap kind of man, but as stern as he was, he was also a teddy bear. Anyone that knew him would tell you that."

She added, "I learned many, many things from him, and I'm glad that I did. I can't believe that he's gone."

While Little excelled in almost every position he was placed during those early years at HHSS, it was through something of a whimsical pilot project that he truly flourished and succeeded.

Brohman recalls Derek approaching him in 1997 to start a four-credit outdoor education program, with the premise being that his students would learn real life skills and gain certificates and accreditation they could use post-graduation. Unsure at the time, Brohman took a chance on Little and his proposed program. It turned out to be one of the best decisions he ever made.

"The end result was that Haliburton had the best [outdoor education] program in Ontario in just a couple of years under his leadership," Brohman said. "The secret to the success was Derek himself. He was an outstanding teacher, leader, mentor, friend and, in some cases, a father figure. Derek also did not make this an all-boys program – many girls took this course with great success."

Zetta says that outdoor education program was, perhaps, the crowning achievement of Little's teaching career.

"That program really was Derek's baby. He had to raise funds to start it, recruit his own students and be the driving force behind it. He taught all kinds of subjects, but it was in the four-credit program that Derek



Above, Derek took in one last solo overnight camping trip in October 2020. Far Right, Derek is pictured, second right, alongside his four siblings. / Submitted photos



thrived. He tailored the program towards those who might not be so academically inclined, and he thought it suited this area perfectly given the nature all around us," Zetta says.

"He always said about that program that if he had just one student that succeeded and went on to forge a career, or move on to further education, then he had succeeded," Zetta continued. "We later found out that the program actually had an 85 per cent success rate."

There are many stories to come from that outdoor education program. Irene Heaven, education coordinator at Abbey Gardens, remembers Derek and his class helping out with multiple projects at the site.

"We have this program called the 'Great Spectacle' at Abbey Gardens, and the students from Derek's program helped to build the site one year, and then would make sure to come back year over year to help maintain it," Heaven said. "They helped out with rebuilding our pony paddock, doing work in the gardens, and they even built a totally new trail for us at one time too. I told Derek where I wanted it to start and where I wanted it to end, and away he went organizing and directing his class."

Heaven had known Derek for more than a decade, also working alongside him in her previous position teaching the dual-credit course at the high school for Fleming College. While she always appreciated and respected his teaching ability, Heaven says the personal relationships Derek was able to forge with his students was most impressive of all.

"I really admired the rapport he had with these young adults. As much as he was a friend to them, he was also a leader. He wanted them to be accountable and wanted



to teach them that there are consequences to the things that you do. I think they really respected him for that," Heaven said. "He valued every single youth as an individual, identified their strengths and tried to build on their confidence. As a teacher, you really couldn't have asked for more. He helped kids and he encouraged them to be the best that they could be."

Long-time Haliburton resident John Teljeur shared his favourite Derek story with the *Echo* – one that he says will stay with him for the rest of his life.

"I knew Derek growing up, he was a few years behind me in school, but we interacted, played hockey, that type of stuff. As we got older, I knew what kind of man he grew up to be," Teljeur said. "At this point, I was helping out in many different ways across the county, and I came across an older couple who had virtually nothing. Their house was in really bad shape. They had literally nothing."

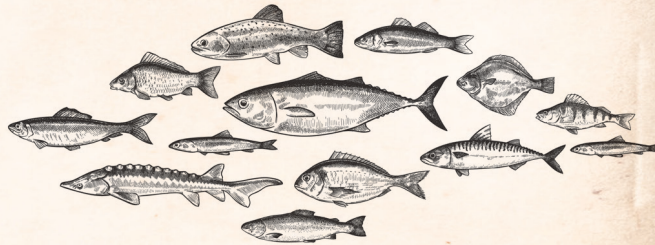
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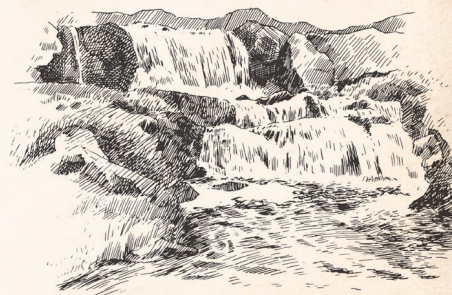
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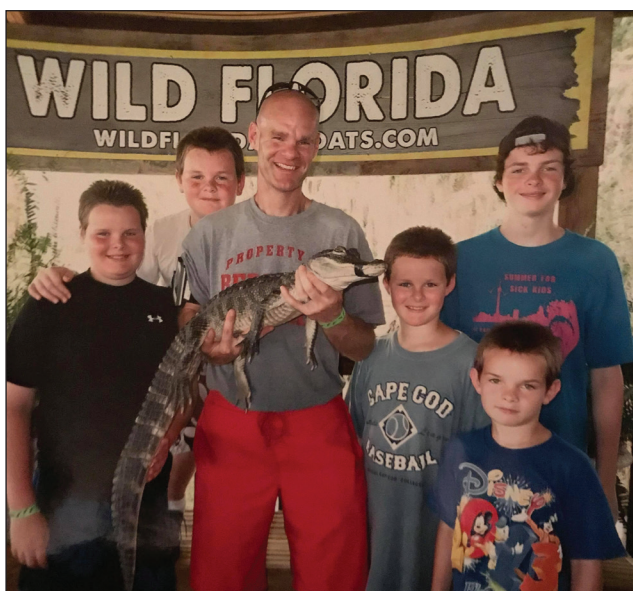


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'He didn't need a beer, he didn't need a couple of bucks, he just did it'



Derek Little posing for a photo alongside his five sons while on a family vacation in Florida.

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people, knowing that any one of those trees could collapse at any time. If that happened, the cottage, everything inside of it would have been gone," Teljeur continued.

"I was out on Halloween night, wondering what to do, and I bumped into Derek. We talked, and I told him about this situation. I told him I didn't know what to do. Before I could say anything else, Derek said he would put some ideas together, and maybe get the kids from his outdoor education class to help out.

"A couple of days later, we were planning to meet up at the location. I left work early figuring I would be the first one there. But when I arrived, there Derek was, with his students. They had already been there for hours. They'd taken down 10 or so of the trees, cut up the wood and stacked it for the elderly couple," Teljeur added. "I walk up and I'm looking at the owner's face, and he's just gobsmacked. He doesn't know how to react. He'd never had people come and do these things for him."

This occurred in early November 2018. A few days after Derek and his gang cleared out, there was a particular nasty snow storm, which Teljeur remembers dumped between three and four foot of snow on the

community.

"If we hadn't managed to get those trees down, that could have been really bad. We ended up talking about it a few days later, and Derek didn't think what he had done was that big of a deal. I told him that that person will never forget him for that, and I will never forget him for that," Teljeur said. "He didn't need a beer, he didn't need a couple bucks, he just did it. That made a big, big impression on me."

Derek taught the outdoor education program until summer 2020. By then he had been diagnosed with a rare brain tumour.

Zetta remembers her son having a seizure in January 2019. A CT scan showed no issues, but an MRI, taken later, showed a mass on Derek's right occipital lobe.

The initial prognosis wasn't good, Zetta remembers.

"We knew the outcome would probably be death," she said. "Derek reacted stalwartly, with a stiff upper lip. He said he was going to fight to the end and that's exactly what he did."

He underwent initial surgery in April 2019 at Toronto Western hospital. Doctors were able to remove 90 per cent of the tumour. Derek was discharged two days later.

The next few months went well, Zetta remembers. Derek showed signs of recovery, and went about his life as normally as he could. He planned trips with his five sons, and put an added emphasis on spending time with his family, which included three brothers and one sister.

He would eventually step away from his role at HHSS in mid-2020.

Chris Boulay, current principal at the local high school, paid homage to Little and the impact he had on the entire student body at HHSS.

"I truly was only getting to know Mr. Little when he fell ill, as I was in my first year at HHSS. But in the short time we did work alongside each other, I could easily see the passion he had for students, co-op, his outdoors program and football," Boulay said. "He set the bar high, and no obstacle could get in his way or deter him from succeeding. He embodies and modelled our

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Little 'made an impact on every single person he came across'

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school credo of respect, commitment and responsibility.

"Failure was never an option for Derek, and he fought a valiant fight with illness, while always remaining upbeat and optimistic," Boulay added.

Shortly after resigning from his role at the school, Derek was back in the hospital. In November 2020, doctors thought his cancer had returned, and worse, grown. He went under the knife on Nov. 28. Zetta says this mass would turn out to be a compilation of dead cells caused by radiation treatment. He appeared to be in the clear, until he developed a deadly infection that he could not seem to shake. He spent more than two months in the hospital, at a time when friends and family could not visit due to the restrictions implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In hospital, alone, Derek struggled. He was close to death when, in February of this year, he was sent home with family as a palliative patient.

However, upon returning to his childhood home, rather than get closer to death, Derek improved. Within weeks he was back on his feet and seeming like his normal self.

During that rebound period, he was able to spend vital time with his family, notably his sister Tanya Little McKnight. The pair would spend full days baking together and having fun – just as they did when they were children.

Then, on the evening of June 10, Derek would go to sleep one final time after a particular uneventful day.

"There was no indication that he was



unwell. He had bad days and good days all the way along. He could have a bad day, and then the next day perk up again and kind of be himself. Then he went to bed on that Thursday night and he never woke up," Zetta recalls.

Tanya said she would remember her brother as a man that put others before himself, especially when it came to family.

"He was my protector. He always stood up for me, no matter what. He was

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He was my protector. He always stood up for me, no matter what. He was funny, and he was caring. He always had my back.

— Tanya Little McKnight,
Derek's sister

funny, and he was caring. He always had my back," she said.

Marisa Thomazo was Derek's sister-in-law. She remembers him as a fantastic guy, saying the memories of him would keep her smiling for the rest of her life.

"Derek had a huge heart. As a true down-to-earth Blairhampton boy, he carried the 'Little' traits of always being generous, caring, hard-working, inclusive, and always ready to help anyone that needed help, and he passed those traits on to his five boys that he loved so much," Thomazo said. "He was an educator at heart and because of his caring nature, he was able to connect with so many kids ... He made an impact on every single person he came across."

Brohman, who spent years side-by-side with Little on the football field as a coach, as well as in the halls as an educator, seconded that statement, saying it's difficult to gauge just how big an impact he had

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'If you wanted a job completed, all you had to do was call Mr. D'

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on HHSS and the wider Haliburton community.

"Not only was Derek well regarded by his students, but he had a very special relationship with the Haliburton community. He built an outstanding partnership based on commitment, responsibility, respect and trust," Brohman said. "Derek... was admired and enthusiastically sought out and followed, whether it be in class, or as a coach on the football field. He was a man who generously gave his best of himself, no matter the job or the circumstance.

"If you wanted a job completed, all you had to do was call Mr. D," Brohman concluded.

Following Derek's death, it was revealed that his brother, Sam, would take over running the outdoor education program at HHSS – a fitting tribute, his parents state.

Zetta said it was comforting to hear of the impact Derek had on the community. A celebration of life, commemorating Derek's memory will be held later this year, once COVID-19 restrictions clear up enough that all those who wish to pay their respects will have the opportunity to do so.

"Derek was a very special man. It's comforting to know that he lived his life helping people in the community. He was a kind Samaritan as far as I'm concerned," Zetta said "The pride I feel knowing how many lives Derek had a positive impact on, it's indescribable... We're proud of every one of his accomplishments and how he portrayed himself throughout his life."



Above, Derek pictured alongside three of his sons, who played football for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks. To the right, Derek pictured at a triathlon he participated in.



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Algonquin Outfitters celebrates 60 years, moves to new location in Haliburton

MIKE BAKER
Editor

With a milestone 60th anniversary to celebrate this year and a brand new expanded space in downtown Haliburton, things are looking good for Algonquin Outfitters.

The business has enjoyed great success since it opened up a location at the heart of the Highlands more than a decade ago, says local store manager Rob Zonnevel. The organization recently upgraded its space, taking over the old JoAnne Sharp-ley's Source for Sports facility.

"This is a much, much bigger space, it provides for better parking for our customers. Going from around 1,800 sq. ft. to 5,000 sq. ft. is a pretty big move, we're very excited about it," Zonnevel told the *Echo*. "We have plans to expand on our camping division, which is one thing we're definitely known for. We can display more watersports inside, have a bigger and better bike program – the new store just allows us to showcase some of the things we couldn't in our old space."

Algonquin Outfitters opened its new location to the public on June 18.

The Haliburton store is one of 12 scattered across cottage country. Owned by the Swift family, Algonquin Outfitters has established itself as one of the continent's premiere canoe tripping organizations. According to Randy Mitton, long-time marketing director with the firm, Algonquin Outfitters boasts the largest lightweight canoeing fleet in the world, with more than 700 kevlar canoes. In total, the organization services thousands of people every year through their three sites inside



Algonquin Outfitters has moved to a new location, just down the road on Highland Street, taking over the old JoAnne Sharp-ley's Source for Sports space. Assistant manager Jessica Bedford (left) and retail associate Kiera Casey (right) have been welcoming customers into the new store since June 18. /MIKE BAKER Staff

Algonquin Park, with a total fleet of around 1,200 boats and watercraft available to the public to rent.

That's a far cry from the businesses' humble beginnings. The first Algonquin Outfitters was opened by Bill Swift Sr. in 1961 at Oxtongue Lake, operating as a seasonal business at the location until the late 1980s. As Bill Sr.'s sons, Rich and Bill Jr., became more involved with the business, things expanded, with more of a focus on becoming a retail operation. The organization's current hub, located in Huntsville, was opened in 1994.

As well as the recent move in Haliburton, Algonquin Outfitters has expanded

vacation planned for their family, but with the borders closed, rather than spend \$10,000 on an overseas vacation, they stay closer to home and go on a canoe trip instead for a fraction of the price."

He added, "Canoe trips have become incredibly popular during this pandemic. People looking to escape from the city, escape from their surroundings will come up, rent a boat and disappear into the wilderness for three or four days."

Here in Haliburton, the focus is more on enjoying the many local lakes scattered throughout the Highlands.

"Water sports is a big focus here," Zonnevel said. "Paddleboards, wakeboards, tubes, then we also sell a lot of canoes and kayaks."

Remembering the last major milestone the company celebrated – 50 years back in 2011 – Zonnevel said the success of Algonquin Outfitters is a testament to the ongoing drive and commitment of the Swift family.

"This is a really big, important milestone for us. The Swift family has been so heavily immersed in the business for so many years. Bill Swift Sr. started this business 60 years ago, and today his son and his grandson continue to be involved," Zonnevel said. "Now that we're open in a new space, with renovations complete, we're looking forward to continuing on with summer. We want to continue to grow and cater our product mix to the Haliburton community."

It's safe to say then, Zonnevel confirms, that Algonquin Outfitters is here in Haliburton to stay.

"We're glad to be here. We really like being here, and we're excited to see how much the business grows and thrives in our brand new location," he concluded.




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It was all about giving back for Hall of Fame builder Salvatori

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's fitting that when Lenny Salvatori was asked to share his thoughts after being announced as one of three builders inducted to the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame he deflected credit to others.

He said what he did was all about giving back to ensure the vibrancy of the community. It wasn't about receiving any accolades.

"There's always people that do a lot in the community and don't get any credit and sometimes you leave them out and they get missed completely. It's hard to pick a bunch of people out and say this guy is better than another person. I know a lot of good people who have worked hard in minor hockey and sports and didn't get a lot of credit for it," he said. "I did what I liked to do and I did a lot of it, but I did it because I loved what I was doing, so I just did it."

The Haliburton resident, who joins builders Linda J. Brandon and Albert John LaRue, also known as A.J. LaRue, is well-loved by everyone for his dedication to the community and for who he is as a person – giving and compassionate. He has touched so many lives through his involvement with athletics, education, conservation and health through the different organizations he either started or served dutifully over the decades.

At 91, he is a voracious reader, avid painter, and is still active in athletics, golfing and regularly finishes with a score lower than his age.

He is the son of Armando Salvatori, who came to Canada in the 1920s from Sarnano, Italy and Mary Biagi of Sault Ste. Marie. He has three adult children, who he raised with his wife, Betty, before she died in 1969. She was a teacher and also an active volunteer, helping at Extendicare, a Sunday school teacher and helped to give rides to cancer patients.

Salvatori has a long list of examples of his service to the community.

This includes coaching and managing athletes in hockey and baseball during the 1950s, serving 30 years as a Haliburton's Ontario Minor Hockey Association representative, close to 40 years as Haliburton's Wolf Club Pack Leader, service to the Haliburton County Board of Education from 1962 to 1994, close to 10 years serving on the local hospital board, 20 years volunteering at the fish



Lenny Salvatori watches his putt during a challenge hole at the Water Ambassadors Canada's 9th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Thursday, June 24 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. Salvatori, who has been named as one of three builders inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame, loves to golf and also appreciates the people he gets to do it with. /DARREN LUM Staff

hatchery, and he was part of a group that helped to start the Glen Dart Hockey Tournament, which became the highlight tournament for youth hockey players throughout Haliburton County.

His other achievements include being recognized by being named the Highlander of the Year in 1978, and the Citizen of the Year, as named by the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 1993. There's also a building named after him. In 2017, the Adult Education Training Centre was renamed Leonard Salvatori Alternate Learning Centre.

All of this came from his commitment to making the community the best it can be.

"I just believed everybody in the community should make a contribution if they can. Some people can't do that sort of thing and I was pretty fortunate to be part of my community and that's the important part. I think we're lacking that right at the moment," he said.

Although Salvatori was reluctant to be given the attention, he hopes his example can inspire others despite the prevailing attitude of most people not being as involved as they used to be.

"It was my community and I wanted to be part of it," he said.

He said some think people get involved to gain attention and praise, but for him his list of achievements came down to doing what was needed to bring people together.

"One example, in minor hockey a lot of kids don't get any parent support and you get them involved in minor hockey and you help them along and you make sure they get to be part of the community and then the family also gets involved too. There's a lot of people who are not interested in sports. They're not interested in anything, but their kids. If you can get the kids involved in doing things in the community like sports ... like baseball and whatever then the parents get an interest in their child and it grows in the community," he said.

The influences in Salvatori's life included his hard-working parents and W.R. Curry, who owned Curry Motors where he worked for 45 years, starting as a 19-year-old, and eventually became a part-owner at the dealership. It was W.R. Curry who came to him to restart the scouts after it had only ran briefly and then paused for a few years, believing in Salvatori's character and leadership abilities.

"I've been pretty fortunate to be around good people and they influenced me and that's what probably influenced me to do things," he said.

The official Hall of Fame induction ceremony is expected this autumn. There are 15 inductees for the categories of athlete, builder and team.

'Extended' public consultation to lengthen timelines of shoreline bylaw

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regarding the drafting of a bylaw aimed at protecting lake health by restricting site alteration and the removal of vegetation near water bodies in early 2020. However, there was significant controversy and public criticism of a draft bylaw – particularly a recommended setback of 30-metres for site alternation and vegetation removal – as well as the in-house process the county had undertaken, and in January of this year, council decided to abandon that process and instead hire a consultant for the creation of a draft bylaw.

The consultants have been in discussions with county staff, and last week provided council with an introduction of the team who will be responsible for the project – with extensive education and experience in environmental sciences, planning and public policy – as well as the proposed work plan and public engagement strategy.

The consultants will review the draft bylaw the county had created, conduct a scientific literature review, research successful practices in other municipalities, and conduct a public consultation process. An extended public consultation process, approved by council, will lengthen the project's timeline by four to six weeks, and increase its price tag by approximately \$13,000. The initial contract was for \$41,605.

That public consultation process will take place in two rounds. A first round will address questions of "What?" and "Why?" when it comes to the bylaw, and include a series of virtual public open houses, surveys (both paper and electronic) and one-on-one interviews with municipal staff and stakeholders.

A first draft report will then be produced, which Jason Ferrigan, a senior planner for J.J. Richards, expected

would happen in August. A second round of public consultations will then take place, addressing the question of "How?" the bylaw will work, with a final report expected to come back to county council in September or October.

"The advantage to this is that it will give council the ability to understand stakeholder perspectives on the draft bylaw prior to its final consideration by council," read correspondence from Ferrigan.

Councillors were in favour of the consultation framework.

"I'm ecstatic with your visit consultation program, it kind of, will leave no stone unturned," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "... I'm confident that you'll help us with your balanced approach to have the best outcome that we can."

"Given the amount of controversy associated with this project, I can't see us saying no to as much consultation at every level of this process as we can possibly do," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Daniels.

"The extended time and the next round is absolutely the way we should go on this issue," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

The consultants had drafted a list of stakeholders from whom to solicit feedback, Moffatt questioning some of the organizations on that list, including lake associations.

"We know there's been a lot of angst and disruption among the associations and their memberships and those who are not members," Moffatt said. "Associations don't represent all property owners, and that's a concern that has been made very clear and loudly to us over the last year."

Moffatt pointed to dozens of emails councillors have

received from residents of Kennisis Lake, indicating the lake association doesn't speak for them. "I think we need to just be cautious around that, and make sure that we acknowledge and fully understand that lake associations don't represent all property owners, but we do," she said. "... If an association doesn't have a signed constitution saying, we can bind the membership, then what an executive says, no offence, doesn't really matter, because they don't have the authority to bind their membership. So, I'm struggling with that point of constitutional work within lake associations. How do we hear from lake associations, knowing that they duly represent their paid members, and how do we also hear from people, and ensure we hear from people, who do not belong to any organization or association?"

Moffatt also pointed to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce being included on the stakeholder list, pointing out it is also a membership-based organization, and questioned the inclusion of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, whose jurisdiction includes some of Highlands East. The rest of the county is not represented by any conservation authority and Moffatt suggested that more locally-based groups, such as the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, for instance, may have more insight.

"I really appreciate Councillor Moffatt's questions, because the questions really do kind of get to the heart of building a good engagement and consultation strategy, and the key to that is sort of understanding your community, and how to adapt your approaches to reflect your community," Ferrigan said.

Ferrigan said he thought input from the conservation

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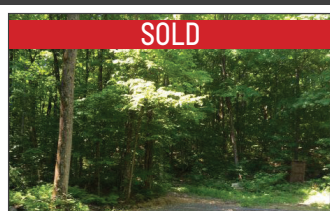
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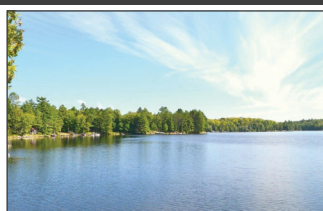
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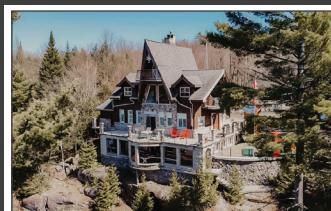


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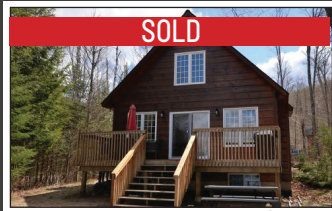


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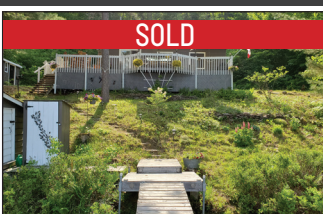
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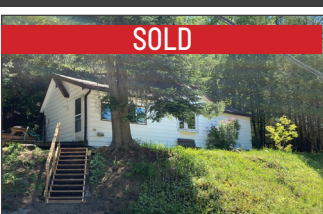
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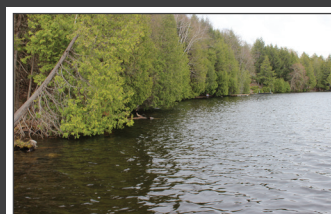
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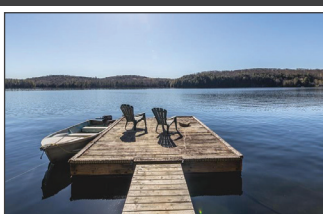


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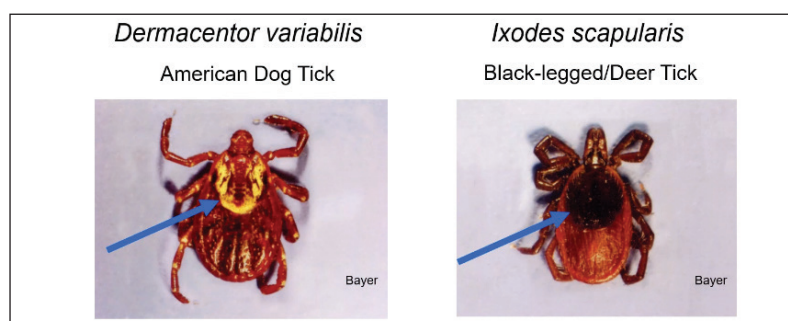
Staff Reporter

When Dr. Andrew Peregrine, professor and clinical parasitologist at the Ontario Veterinary College moved to Southern Ontario in 1997, he said the prevalence of ticks in Ontario was not what it is now.

"I distinctly remember shortly after I arrived, saying, what do you teach the vet students about ticks? And literally, [the person retiring] said to me, you don't really need to bother, it's not an issue," Peregrine told a gathering of hundreds of people tuned in to a presentation called An upTICK on Ticks on Lyme Disease in Eastern Ontario. "And essentially that probably was true back in the 1990s, but things, as you more than anyone would be aware, have changed significantly since that time."

The June 8 virtual meeting, hosted by The Friends of the Napanee River and Friends of the Salmon River and joined by Environment Haliburton in lieu of an enviro-cafe, saw more than 250 people log in to the live presentation and more than 400 view the video in the week since the meeting. Much of the reason for the interest is that in the past few years, climate change has led to a major increase in tick populations with Health Canada reporting more than 990 cases of Lyme disease in 2016 – most of these cases from Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia – compared to 144 cases in 2009. Since the Lyme disease case definition was updated, case counts have jumped to more than 2,600 in 2019.

Though in the past, Peregrine said, there was really only one tick that was found on animals and so looking closer



Ticks on Ontario dogs

at the insect wasn't necessary, now it is important to identify a tick.

"Today, things have changed," he said.

While in textbooks there are at least seven different ticks across North America that can be found on humans or pets, Peregrine said the original tick here was the American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*), and the tick that has invaded southern Ontario is the deer (or black-legged) tick (*Ixodes scapularis*). The Lone Star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) is occasionally here, he said, falling off of migrating birds, but there is not yet evidence that it is established here.

To identify a tick, Peregrine said it's important to learn the difference between the scutum of the most common ticks – the American dog tick scutum is multi-coloured, and the deer tick's scutum is dark brown. The deer tick is the tick that is associated with the transmission of the bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacteria that causes Lyme disease – named for the area of Connecticut it was first diagnosed in, explained Peregrine, while the American dog tick – "at the moment that's a 'good tick' in Ontario" – does not carry bugs or pathogens harmful to humans that we have identified.

The deer tick, which like feeding on white-tailed deer, ingest blood so that they can produce eggs once they've dropped off an animal.

"Once a tick is fully fed, on white-tailed deer, the female tick drops off into the environment and she lays her eggs in the environment," said Peregrine. "The most ideal environment for that tick and the eggs to develop is essentially brush and grass on the edge of deciduous forest. It's much less common in coniferous forest areas."

If the female tick is infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, or the bug that causes Lyme disease, she does not transfer that to her offspring.

"So the obvious question is then, well, how do they get infected?" asked Peregrine.

The eggs hatch to release a tiny structure – larva – that has three pairs of legs rather than the four pairs of an adult. To mature they need blood which they typically find on wild rodents including white-footed mice, shrews, voles, and also birds.

"They feed on the rodents because they need blood to mature, however if that blood contains the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, they will get infected with that bacteria, and once they get infected they remain infected for life," said Peregrine. "So it's wild rodents, and particularly white-footed mice in southern Ontario that are extremely important to the risk of these ticks getting infected. They get infected with the bug that causes Lyme disease. It doesn't usually make them sick but it circulates in their blood for at least a number of weeks or months, so that when the larvae feed on the mice, not only do they take in blood but they get infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease."

The larva then drops to the environment where it moults to a nymph, which also tends to feed on rodents – but also birds and people. It can also acquire the bug and be infected for life.

Typically it is the immature adult that we end up seeing on ourselves, or pets, said Peregrine. Ticks will wait to come into contact with animals.

"What influences the risk of exposure to ticks? Number one, you've got to go outside, you've got to walk into their environment, and unlike fleas that hunt for people or pets, ticks literally crawl up blades of grass, and they then extend their [front legs]. It's called questing – they're literally just waiting for you, me, or our pets to walk by and then they will transfer onto ourselves."

Until about 1995, the only place in all of Canada where the deer tick was known to establish, said Peregrine, was Long Point in Lake Erie. As the tick then began appearing in multiple places across Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada began asking people to send ticks when they found them – so they could be documented by location, and also so that they could be screened.

Maps Peregrine showed during the presentation show a significant spread of ticks throughout southern Ontario, in Eastern Ontario, southern Quebec, the Maritimes and the southern part of Manitoba. In 2021, a pocket of endemic popu-

lation has been found just north of Peterborough. Just in the past six months, he said, they're being seen in Guelph.

"When you first see them in an area, it's important to ask the question, is this what's called an adventitious tick and that's essentially a tick that's fallen off a migrating bird, or does that tick represent part of an actively breeding population?" he said. "It's important to differentiate the two, because it's the latter, an actively breeding population, the risk of contact with the tick and the risk of Lyme disease is quite different."

Local public health units will drag an area, then return a second year to determine if the population is endemic.

Thousands of ticks, said Peregrine, come to Ontario on migrating birds, especially from the northeastern part of the United States, every spring. While there has always been bird migration, the number of ticks in the U.S. has increased significantly. Changes in deer population and reforestation has caused tick populations to increase. And it's very clear, said Peregrine, "that climate change has certainly been driving, at least in part, the changes in distribution." Eastern Ontario is providing the ideal and correct temperature and humidity for best propagation and establishment of the tick. In 2007, 7.5 per cent of ticks submitted from Ontario to the Public Health Agency of Canada were found to have *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and in 2013 that number increased to 18.4 per cent.

"So the longer the tick is in the area, the more common infection typically is in these ticks," said Peregrine.

To acquire Lyme disease through ticks, a tick must feed on a person for at least 36 hours to transmit the bug that causes Lyme disease. Usually within the first month of infection, a large, red, circular, sometimes bulls-eye rash at least five centimetres in diameter can appear – typically in 60 to 80 per cent of people, and usually seven to 14 days after the tick's contact.

"So it's a lot larger than a common bug bite and it develops much more slowly than, for instance, a mosquito bite, associated with the bacteria multiplying and spreading in the skin."

Also in the first month, some people can complain of muscle or joint pain and flu signs. Most cases are treated with a few weeks of antibiotics.

"If the infection is caught in that early stage, typically infection in people and in dogs responds very quickly to treatment. However, if the bacteria then spreads around the body after that, it can be much more difficult to treat."

Will you or your pet get Lyme disease? It has to be the right tick – the one associated with Lyme disease – that has been well-fed for at least 36 hours and has to be carrying the bug. The overall proportion of all the ticks in Eastern Ontario infected in 2016 was 23 per cent, said Peregrine.

It's a good idea to get in the practice of tick checks on ourselves – like those in Lyme, Connecticut now – on a daily basis, he said.

Be cautious walking in the woods, avoiding bushy and grassy areas if possible, tuck long pants into socks and wear long-sleeved shirts, and potentially use tick repellent but be mindful of pyrethrin which can be extremely toxic to cats. Ticks can be the size of a poppy seed, so though they can be removed with tweezers at home, a visit to a physician for removal is recommended.

To view Peregrine's presentation on YouTube, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WT05cmqExQ>. For more information on Environment Haliburton visit <https://www.environmenthaliburton.org/>.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT CORRECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT An electronic meeting will be held **July 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** to consider these applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

The media and the general public can view the Land Division Committee meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/uHS69N9yZzU>

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-020/21
Applicant: Gordon and Dianne Burley
Location of the Property: Lot 29, Plan 370, Geographic Township of Havelock, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Nature of the Application: Easement

Additional information regarding the above applications is available for public inspection electronically by request during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 22 day of June, 2021.

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'No one stakeholder is more important than another' says county warden

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authority was important in terms of harmonizing regulations. "They may only represent a small portion of the geography that we're dealing with, but they do bring an important perspective to the table in terms of a regulatory perspective, and that's why we feel it's important to consult with them," he said, adding the consultants would take into consideration the suggestion of additional organizations.

As for the chamber of commerce, Ferrigan said he believed it would bring a local business perspective.

As for lake associations, Ferrigan said he recognized the point Moffatt was making in terms of associations not representing the views of all their members, or all the residents of their lakes.

"It is difficult when you're in a situation where an organization is making statements that may not represent all of the members that they represent," he said. "That is a true governance issue, and that is their governance issue, with respect. The challenge here is to understand what their perspective is, to reflect that, both in the feedback and in the ultimate recommendations that are brought forward."

Ferrigan said the consultants planned to send letters to each of the county's registered lake associations, asking them to respond in writing, and then bring that feedback to county council through the first and possibly second round of the consultation strategy.

"My top concern is echoed by Councillor Moffatt, with respect to the lake associations," said Danielsen, "and the fact that they truly don't represent all of people that live on the lakes. And there are some very divergent views there."

"One thing I want to stress is that, you have a list of stakeholders and we may wish to add to that list," Danielsen continued. "And for anyone who's listening, I would really like to stress that no one stakeholder is more important than another. Everybody's voice needs to be heard to [the] greatest extent possible."

Danielsen said she saw the value of consulting the chamber of commerce as an entity, as well as business owners themselves.

"In the face of not seeing any other concern around the lake associations, I'll leave it," said Moffatt, "but I still think it's problematic to take statements from an organization that hasn't proven it has gone through an internal process that allows it to speak on behalf of its members, but I'll let that lie."

Danielsen noted that the list of stakeholders included lake associations, but did not mention the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations, whose membership includes dozens of the county's associations.

Ferrigan said that was oversight on the part of the consultants, and that the CHA would be included on the list.

"So that would mean that certain lake associations would have a double voice in the process," Moffatt said, "through CHA as an umbrella organization, sort of a mother ship."

She added, "I had thought that the associations being separated out was sort of on purpose, so that they could speak for themselves as opposed to speaking through a second group that has one of the passionate positions."

The CHA has loudly voiced its support for a shoreline preservation bylaw, while the Haliburton Homebuilders' Association has loudly voiced its concerns that the draft bylaw as it had been proposed was too restrictive.

"Is that not the case though, with the chamber and the homebuilders and local contractors?" said Danielsen, noting many landscaping and construction businesses were members of the chamber of commerce. "Really, the same argument would apply there. And they're both so engaged in this process and have such strong positions that maybe they deserve a double voice."

"That's fine," said Moffatt. "I think it's very important in this process that we acknowledge this, and if council's fine with that, then we can be satisfied that ... the question was asked, we had a conversation, we're satisfied with the answer, we'll move ahead. As opposed to, what we have experienced in the last year and a half, which is accusations of, you know, cloak of darkness and weird connections to various groups and biases and whatnot, so I think it's very important to

acknowledge any of the questions or concerns that we are hearing from the public."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he was satisfied with the consultation process as it had been laid out.

"Lots of people wear different hats ... we know and acknowledge that that's the case," Devolin said. "I would say that

there are some primary stakeholders that are identified, but the reality is, this is an open process. Every single individual has an opportunity to be involved in it. And so, I think although you could say that it's imperfect, I think it's totally inclusive with how this will work out, and if anybody doesn't have any input in this process, it's because they've decided not to."



Municipality of Dysart et al
In the Heart of the Haliburton Highlands

FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 8, 2021, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEgdeGogTouHtHU04iVBto0WudCOBPuF8VI> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 26200 0000; 18 South St., Haliburton; PIN 39182-0042(R); Part Lot 17, Concession 7, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, now United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde, designated as Parts 1,2,3,4 & 7 Plan 19R-6764. Subject to a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 2 & 4 Plan 19R-6764. Together with a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 5 & 6 Plan 19R-6764, in the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton. Land Registry Office No. 19; File No. 18-11
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$103,000
Minimum tender amount: \$16,193.45

2. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 28600 0000; Fred Jones Road, Haliburton; PIN 39182-0076 (LT); PT LT 19 CON 7 DYSART AS IN DY4389 BTN DRAG RIVER, DOVER SPRING RD & H148755; DYSART ET AL; File No. 18-30
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$27,500
Minimum tender amount: \$5,535.91

3. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 13100 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0130 (LT); LT 38 PL 580; DYSART ET AL; File No. 18-34
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,800
Minimum tender amount: \$5,464.53

4. Roll No. 46 24 061 000 29600 0000; On Dennison Island in Kawagama Lake; PIN 39113-0134 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 14 HAVELOCK AS IN H70873; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-05
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$396,000
Minimum tender amount: \$22,942.40

5. Roll No. 46 24 030 000 03801 0000; Harcourt, Ont; PIN 39159-0275 (LT); PT LT 4 CON 1 HARCOURT AS IN HR662 N OF H134516 & PT 1 19R3946 & S OF H131882; S/T HR662; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-12
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$23,000
Minimum tender amount: \$5,043.74

6. Roll No. 46 24 050 000 72300 0000; Johnson Bay Rd., Haliburton; PIN 39284-0170 (LT); LT 147 PL 524; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-29
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$189,000
Minimum tender amount: \$9,786.11

7. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 20300 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0134 (LT); LT 108 PL 581; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000273, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 99-0000132, IF ENFORCEABLE; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-34
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,600
Minimum tender amount: \$4,995.56

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, availability of road access or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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Nature would have loved the teenage me

I will always remember when David Flowers uttered that phrase. David is retired now after a long career as a Fish Biologist with the MNRF. He spent much of his career researching fish in Haliburton area lakes.

As new lakefront property owners many of us feel that we should tidy and clean up our lakefront. We want to clear up the fallen logs, get those big rocks out and pull out the weeds. David's advice was – don't do it! Nature abhors Neatness

The living things in our lakes, including fish, need those fallen tree branches, rocks, and weeds. They provide shelter, food, and areas for spawning. Any good fisherman knows to look for areas like that to catch fish.

A Natural Shoreline with tree and shrub branches hanging over the lake cools the water and provides the food

and fallen branches critical to our fish populations. The water in front of a natural shoreline is teeming with life and critical food sources for the living things in our lakes.

By contrast, the water in front of a grass lawn is largely devoid of life.

I have been on Mountain Lake for more than 60 years. As the years have gone by, I see more and more manicured lawns to the shore and fewer fish, crayfish, and frogs.

So, go back to your teenage days and be messy, not neat. Your lake and the fish will love you for it.

Submitted

Author Don Benson is a former member of the MNRF advisory committee and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council

Municipalities across county collaborate on new Waste Wizard app

Have you ever wondered if you can recycle paper coffee cups? Where do empty milk cartons go? What about plastic yogurt tubs?
Well, now there's an app for that.

Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East, and Minden Hills recently launched their new mobile app, Haliburton County Waste Wizard. The Haliburton County Waste Wizard

mobile app makes it easy for people to know how to reuse, recycle or safely dispose of waste items in their local municipality. Minimizing the amount of waste produced in a municipality reduces the need for landfill space, conserves natural resources, and decreases greenhouse gases.
This free mobile app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store for iPhones and iPads, and from the Google Play Store for Android devices.
After downloading the Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app, select your local municipality, and learn how to recycle or dispose of materials ranging from aluminum foil, to yard and garden waste. Simply type the name of a waste material to get started! In addition, the mobile app can send you noti-

fications about upcoming events such as hazardous waste drop-off days or landfill weather closures.
The Waste Wizard can also be used on local municipal websites:
• www.algonquinhighlands.ca/wastewizard.php
• www.dysartetal.ca/wastewizard
• www.highlandseast.ca/en/live-here/waste-wizard.aspx
• www.mindenhills.ca/environmental-services/landfill-operations/
Haliburton County Waste Wizard makes it easy for all residents and visitors of the Haliburton Highlands to recycle right.

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 - 13. Small trace left behind
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 - 19. The Great Lakes State
 - 20. Engage in a contest
 - 21. Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
 - 22. Manpower
 - 23. Undivided
 - 24. Strong, magnetic metal
 - 25. People of Tanzania
 - 26. Sorts
 - 30. Cop car accessory
 - 31. Trade
 - 32. Sullen and ill-tempered
 - 33. Distinctive practices
 - 34. Motor vehicles
 - 35. Electrodes
 - 38. Polish river
 - 39. Human feet
 - 40. Make very hot
 - 44. Toppin and Kenobi are two
 - 45. Blackbird
 - 46. One point west of due south
 - 47. Large beer
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Expressions of approval
 - 2. Replace the interior of
 - 3. Not awake
 - 4. Roman numeral 7
 - 5. Sun up in New York
 - 6. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 7. Bugs homeowners don't want
 - 8. Maltese-Italian composer
 - 9. Very long period of time
 - 10. Touchdown
 - 11. Agents of downfall
 - 12. Complacently or inanely foolish
 - 16. Argentina capital Buenos
 - 17. County in New Mexico
- CLUES ACROSS

 - 18. An electrically charged atom
 - 22. New Zealand conifer
 - 25. Type of brandy
 - 27. Comments to the audience
 - 28. Tears down
 - 29. Gifts for the poor
 - 30. More painful
 - 32. Good friend
 - 34. Lying in the same plane
 - 35. Line in a polygon
 - 36. Clouds of gas and dust
 - 37. Norse god
 - 38. Health care pro
 - 40. Close tightly
 - 41. One's holdings
 - 42. Became less intense
 - 43. Wilco frontman
 - 45. Woman (French)
 - 48. Expresses delight
 - 51. TV channel (abbr.)
 - 52. Beverage
 - 53. Unit of work or energy
 - 54. Cleaning accessory
 - 56. Dorm worker

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Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, July 10, 2021
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Haliburton Landfill, 222 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton

Valid Dysart landfill identification user cards must be shown at the gate.

To comply with COVID-19 safety protocols, you are not permitted to exit your vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off location. Please wear a face mask.
Event staff will unload your hazardous waste for you.

Accepted

Not accepted

- Needles, Syringes, Lancets (Sharps)
- PCBs
- Radioactives
- Pathological waste

Due to provincial regulations, these events are for **residents only**. **Hazardous waste is NOT accepted from businesses and organizations**, including builders, camps, charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers, schools, etc. **Businesses and organizations need to arrange private haulage and processing of hazardous waste.**

Dysart's upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Days
Saturday, August 14, 2021 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at Harcourt Landfill
Saturday, September 18, 2021 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) at West Guilford Landfill
Subject to change without notice

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Take and Bake serves Harcourt community

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

While in this past year the Harcourt Ladies' Committee haven't been able to fully serve the community in the way they've been doing for almost 50 years, a planned curbside meal fundraiser has the phone ringing off the hook, proving they're going to be busy before the event even happens.

"I am excited," said committee president Connie Rees. "I'm a little overwhelmed because I actually have people calling me before we have the flyer out."

The group's first Take and Bake, in which they advertise, "We lovingly make it, then freeze it. You simply take it, and bake it!" is planned for July 9, when those who have placed orders in advance can pick up frozen meals and dessert to fill their freezers and enjoy alone or with family.

"We can't do anything much so we thought this will hopefully do some fundraising," said Rees.

Earlier this month, the group met to try to figure out what they can do to continue engaging the broader community in fundraising – typically they host events and prepare food for functions like funerals, lunches and anniversaries, raising funds by donation to help support the Harcourt Community Centre.

A curbside meal pick-up option allowed for the members to plan and prepare an event that can run even if public health restrictions change again due to the ongoing pandemic. One member brought in recipes she likes to make that she knows freeze well, with the group deciding to offer two meals: an authentic shepherd's pie that feeds two to three people for \$12, and a family-sized Greek BBQ-ready meal of marinated pork tenderloin kabobs with lemon potatoes for \$25. Dessert is strawberry-rhubarb pie – either a six-inch pie for \$5, or a nine-inch pie for \$12.

The menu, the idea, and the chance to support local efforts with all proceeds going back to the community has Rees already taking orders.

"We might have to get really busy and make a whole bunch more," she laughed.

About 25 members ranging in age from late-30s to 88 are part of the Harcourt Ladies' Committee, which was established decades ago.

"As far as we can tell going back into the old paperwork, it started around 1966, and it's evolved over the years,"

said Rees.

In 2015, the Harcourt Community Centre was destroyed in a fire, putting the group largely on pause. The Centre was reopened in 2018, but then the pandemic closed down events again at the beginning of 2020.

While not everyone is still able to physically help, member support is important, said Rees.

"We need their guidance, believe me," she laughed. "They're the history of it, you know. We've got one lady who's 85. She makes the best pastry in the world. I don't want her to ever leave. She's belonged for a good number of years."

The group is always looking for new members, too, with everyone contributing how they can.

"There's lots of cooking," said Rees. "We try to use the ladies ... who does what best, gets to do it!"

The fellowship is important not just for the members involved, but for their partners who support the group when they're needed.

"I just am thankful for all of the ladies' help, and also we're very thankful for all of our husbands' help," said Rees. "They do shopping or run and get things. We say 'oh my God, we need more potatoes' and all of that kind of thing, or help with things like clean up, afterwards. They're all pretty good that way."

Other curbside events have done well – a pie sale last year resulted in more than 110 apple or pumpkin pies being sold and a pre-pandemic cookie sale was a huge success. A Thanksgiving event in 2019 raised more than \$1,200.

"The importance is to bring the community together and keep the community together and hopefully get the younger people in the community involved, and doing things for them too," said Rees. "We all have fun. We all do our thing. Of course, we all love to cook. And we all have a good time when we're there. That's what it's all about."

If the group's first Take and Bake is a hit, there is a possibility they will host another similar event – perhaps every two weeks, or monthly.

"I'm pretty sure it's going to be successful," said Rees. "We're all pretty happy about it."

The deadline for Take and Bake orders from the Harcourt Ladies' Committee is July 5. Contact Connie Rees at 705-448-9842 or connierees02@gmail.com. The sale is first come, first served and cash only. Pick up is at the Harcourt Community Centre on Midway Street on July 9 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, July 14th 2021
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2021-016- Brown & McPhillips

- The following variance is requested to permit an oversized detached deck on a property in the WR4 zone:

a) A variance to the provisions of Section 3.1(b) (iii) to permit a detached deck located within the minimum water setback to be 25.27 square metres (272 square feet) as opposed to the permitted 20 square metres (215.2 square feet).

- Location: Part Block E, Lot 24, Plan 585, Parts 3 19R7222, Parts 1 and 2 19R7930 in the geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (3310 West Shore Road).

2. D13-MV-2021-011- Calma

- The following variances are requested to permit construction of a private cabin within an existing two storey accessory building and to legalize the lot coverage on a property in the WR4L-1 zone.

a) A decrease to the provisions of section 3.1(d)(v) to permit a private cabin to have a south interior side lot line setback of 1.5 metres (4.9 feet) as opposed to the required 4.5 metres (14.76 feet);

b) An increase to provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot within a WR4L-1 zone to have a lot coverage of 18.9%, as opposed to the permitted 15%.

- Location: Part Lot 12, Concession 5, Part 246, RP 19R49 in the geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1296 Grosbeak Dr).

3. D13-MV-2021-017- Beamer

- The following variances are requested to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming use (cottage, deck and wood shed) in the OS zone:

a) Variance pursuant to Section 45(2)(a)(i) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming use such that the total dimensions of the dwelling, excluding decks will be 7.65 metres (25 feet) x 4.6 metres (15 feet). Decks are restricted to 3.7 metres (12 feet) x 4.6 metres (15 feet) along the west side of the dwelling.

b) Variance pursuant to Section 45(2)(a)(i) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming use such that the total dimensions of the wood shed will be 4.9 metres (16 feet) x 6.7 metres (22 feet).

- Location: Part Lot 26, Concession 13, Part 4, RP 19R3110 in the geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (2219 Redkenn Rd).

4. D13-MV-2021-020- Rypma

- The following variance is requested to permit the reconstruction of a dwelling on a property in the WR4L-1 zone:

a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 1.5 metres (5 feet) as opposed to the required 4.5 metres (14.76 ft).

Location: Part Lot 11, Concession 5, PCL 151, Plan Straggle Lake in the geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (1409 Straggle Lake Dr).

5. D13-MV-2021-008- Etherington

- The following variance is requested to construct a single family dwelling with a decreased minimum water setback on a lot in the R1 zone:

a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a single family dwelling in the Urban Residential Type 1 (R1) zone to have a minimum water setback of 15.2 metres (50 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 30 metres (98.4 feet).

- Location: Part Lot 19, Concession 8, Plan 602, Lot 1 in the geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton (Lakeview Street).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amend the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Deputy Secretary-Treasurer at dhicks@dysartetal.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
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Roger Trull watches his drive from the 17th hole.



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Above, golfers register for the Water Ambassadors Canada's 9th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Thursday, June 24 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. There were 96 golfers for the fundraiser, which had the theme, Around the World in 18 Holes. Each hole provided information about the countries like Ethiopia, Honduras and Liberia that are assisted by the Water Ambassadors. /DARREN LUM Staff

There was \$38,400 raised from the Water Ambassadors Canada's 9th Annual Charity Golf Classic on Thursday, June 24 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre in Haliburton. This can pay for five new wells for a community without drinking water with the average cost of drilling a well being \$7,500, or cover the cost of 19 well repairs, or 76 hand washing stations or 500 water filters for families. Organizer Ursula Devolin wrote in an email, "I'm so grateful for the community for the generosity!"

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Trail blazers led Rice's storytelling way

SUE TIFFIN
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of people registered to hear Waubgeshig Rice speak at the 13th Annual Indigenous Education Evening held virtually by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board on June 15.

Rice, an award-winning author and journalist, is originally from Wasauksing First Nation.

"I grew up at a time in the 1980s when our community was really making concerted efforts to reclaim Anishinaabe culture and customs and reconnect with our history that had been taken from us," he said. "I feel myself and my wider generation and the younger ones are major beneficiaries of that widespread effort to reconnect."

Rice said that was what empowered him to learn "about our culture and our stories and to apply that knowledge and those practices to my educational and professional career in hopes of amplifying Indigenous voices, but also learning about being Indigenous myself."

At that time, Rice said there were no drums in the community, as they had been destroyed, hidden and never found or taken by the Indian agents at the time who upheld the Indian Act, which in part forbade cultural gatherings and ceremonies. The first drum he learned on was a "big bass drum from a pawn shop," purchased by some of the elders from the community. He learned to sing and drum using sticks fashioned out of tent poles and fishing poles with foam tied around the ends.

"I always say that was a real punk rock kind of way to get back into the old songs, because it was a very do-it-yourself kind of initiative," said Rice.

Prior to Rice attending school, kids would attend kindergarten in the community at what was then called Ryerson Indian Day School, and then head to Parry Sound for the remainder of their schooling. But when the movement to reclaim culture happened, he said the older generation – including his parents, their peers and the elders of the community – lobbied to expand the school on the reserve by advocating for funding and control of educational administration. As a result, Rice was one of the first kids to graduate from Grade 8 at the school, which was renamed as Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik, or Wasauksing School.

"Part of that autonomy and sovereignty was ensuring we had time for cultural learning," said Rice. "So that meant bringing in elders specifically to tell us stories or teach us about our culture. But also it was very informal at the same time, in that if an elder just happened to be walking down the road and they wanted to come in and hang out with the kids, they would make time for that too."

Rice said that if he was in math class, and an elder suddenly knocked on the door and entered, the students put away their math books and instead were able to engage in story time with the elder.

"I learned early on just how crucial that storytelling element was in terms of preserving our culture and ensuring that we were aware of who we were as Anishinabek," he said.

Rice said even as a very young child, he recognized the stories were important and tried to remember them so that he could pass them along to future generations.

"That storytelling foundation was laid at a pretty early age for me," he said.

After graduating from Grade 8, Rice attended high school in Parry Sound. While he loved reading and English class, he said the approach to storytelling was different in that engaging with stories was more formal – head down, reading a book, having a "solitary, even isolating experience," and interpreting the stories independently as opposed to having a communal or collective experience.

"We would sit on the floor and look up at an elder and engage with the story together, we would laugh together, cry together, and so on," he said. "But going into the more formal education system of secondary, it was just all by yourself ... OK, it's just a different way of doing things."

He also noticed that reading lists were only books by "white authors, usually white men, and they're usually dead, these dudes who are long gone."

"The way the curriculum sets it up, is that the book is the pinnacle of storytelling expression," said Rice.



Author Waubgeshig Rice was the speaker at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's 13th Annual Indigenous Education Evening held virtually on June 15. /Screenshot from TLDSB event

"That is the highest form of storytelling you can get, that's how the system presents it to you. And because we'd only read these books by white men, I thought, well, OK, that is not a realm for me. I did not read any Indigenous experiences written by Indigenous authors so I thought the stories I heard growing up aren't part of this. I just accepted it."

In Grade 11, an auntie who was also one of his first teachers at Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik asked him, at a family function, how school was doing.

"She always took a keen interest in our education after we graduated from Grade 8, she always checked in with us pretty regularly," said Rice.

When he told her he enjoyed school, and in particular English class, she asked him what authors he was reading to which he replied: Shakespeare, J.D. Salinger, W.O. Mitchell, and so on.

"After that, she started giving me books by Indigenous authors, for my birthday and for Christmas and even just randomly," said Rice. "Books by Thomas King and Richard Wagamese, Lee Maracle, Louise Erdrich, Maria Campbell. All of these authors who are already out there, writing important works of Indigenous literature and really blazing that trail that I eventually ended up on."

Rice said these books are how he learned about the Sixties Scoop (*Keeper'n Me*, Richard Wagamese), where he saw the "humour of our stories really expertly portrayed" (*Green Grass, Running Water*, Thomas King) and the "brutalities of the colonial existence" (*Ravensong*, Lee Maracle and *Tracks*, Louise Erdrich).

"I just wasn't familiar with them at all through the education system," he said. "It totally blew me away. It opened my eyes to this entirely different way of telling stories and what I saw were not just my own experiences as Anishinaabe person reflected back to me from the page. I saw these universal elements of the realities of Indigenous people that could bring people together just by writing them down and sharing them en masse."

Rice knew then that one day he would be a published author.

"It was just totally empowering for me to know that that was a viable outlet for me, for my storytelling," he said. "And it was not something I learned in the classroom. Not at all. I didn't have teachers showing me that back when I was a teenager in the 1990s, in the formal Ontario education system."

Rice credits his aunt for introducing him to a more diverse reading list.

"Nowadays when I look back, I was very fortunate to have this aunt who showed me that way," he said. "But I had accepted that that wasn't a place for me. I had never entertained the idea of pursuing that as an artistic

expression for myself until I had an aunt show me that. I think about all of my peers and just Indigenous people or Black people or other artists of colour who grew up in the same time who never had that opportunity, who didn't fortunately have an aunt to show them what really could be. I think as a result Canada has missed out, and we're really only starting to catch up now to what some of the actual diverse experiences of living in this country really are."

While Rice said that both fiction and non-fiction books are a great resource to learn about history and everyday experiences, he also said it's important to form relationships with people, including people who "make time to share and tell our stories."

"I'm encouraged and empowered nowadays to see kids at the high school level learning about Indigenous authors and other authors from so-called marginalized communities, because that is how we will get to a place of understanding what Canada really is, and what it really has been because we have not - none of us - have been shown the reality of Canada whatsoever."

For more information about Indigenous Education at TLDSB visit <https://www.tldsb.ca/indigenous-education>. *Moon of the Crusted Snow* by Waubgeshig Rice is available at Master's Book Store at 195 Highland Street or through the Haliburton County Public Library.

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HE Council votes down disposition of 200' Crown Reserve – Centre Lake

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It wasn't even close when the votes were cast 3-1 against supporting the approval of the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas Amendment 2020-004 on condition that any future disposition by the Ministry require municipal consideration and input with respect to options aimed at preserving the shoreline to the most reasonable extent possible, as well as public access to Centre Lake at the Highlands East Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 22 held live on YouTube.

Councillors Cam McKenzie, Suzanne Partridge and Ruth Strong voted against while deputy mayor Cec Ryall voted for and Mayor Dave Burton declined to vote.

This serves only as a recommendation by the municipality during the consultation period set by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry from May 27 to June 25, but the decision now rests with the ministry about whether there will be a Crown Land Use Policy Act (CLUPA) amendment to permit the disposition of the 200' Crown Reserve on Centre Lake under the environmental assessment process, as part of an application by two developers, who have plans to build cottage lots on Centre Lake.

The municipality facilitated the opportunity for public input with a special meeting on April 27, which preceded the ministry's consulting process period from May 27 to June 25. There were several delegations who presented their views about the application. During the consulting period the municipality has received close to 50 written submissions, which included supportive comments such as economic growth, job creation and being a model for sustainable development, and comments against such as concerns for the environment, impact on the holder of an existing Crown land use permit, loss of access and passive recreational opportu-

nities, and included a few comments for compromise.

Before the township voted, members offered their perspectives.

"I know everybody is struggling with this particular thing and I understand there will be constituents that will be for and against all of this thing. My concern in this particular thing is more related to the ecology. The basic environment and everything that is going with it," Ryall said. "My personal comment is if these people are crazy enough with this process, which looks to me like it's going to cost more than a \$1 and a half and is going to take a whole block of time. I have no problem with a registered vote and I will be voting in favour of it."

On the other side, councillor McKenzie said he had received feedback from residents, who were by and far against. Councillor Partridge recognized Centre Lake for how it's appreciated.

"It's a unique and really valuable resource to our local residents. Both seasonal and permanent residents. It's very well-used by kayakers and canoers and fisher people. I can't support us supporting the sale of this land," she said.

Town planner Chris Jones said the non-support for an amendment along with the ministry's decision to not proceed with this amendment process that "it would preclude the disposition of the Crown reserve which in turn would not enable the closure of the shore road allowance. In this scenario, ownership for the water's edge (in whole or in part) for a potential cottage development could not be achieved," as per his report.

He noted that if there is a CLUPA amendment and disposition of the 200' crown reserve, dating back to the 1950s that the current public access that includes the boat launch and the parking area, and the lands north of Centre Lake will continue.

Jones said the key thing with achieving disposition rests with the CLUPA amend-

ment.

He confirmed Ryall's understanding that even if the ministry allows the disposition of the 200' that the municipality still controls the 66' feet of shoreline within the reserve.

When asked by Ryall about timeline for a ministry decision, Jones deferred any estimate for how long this process will take with the ministry, which started with applications made more than a year ago by the developers,

"Unlike the planning act approvals we're more familiar with that have sort of timelines – maximum decision making timelines. If somebody submits a completed application under the planning act depending on the type of application the act sets out sort of timelines that if they're not met for decision it leverages the right for an appeal, but that's not the case with this process with crown land disposition," he said.



Grand reopening

Brad Park (centre), owner of the Foodland in Haliburton, celebrates his store's grand reopening on Thursday, June 24 alongside his wife Danielle, son Grayson and daughter Kendall. Also on hand were Mike Messervey, Foodland district operator (far left) and Rob Allsop, vice president of operations (far right). The multi-million dollar renovation project began in April and include a total revamp of the store. "We've always thought Haliburton is a gem of the province. It's one of those local markets that is great all year around, but in just summer lights up with all the tourism traffic," Allsop told the Echo. "Our franchisee makes all the difference because he's shown he can grow the business, despite all the competitive challenges around us." Park said he was delighted by the way the store looks following the upgrades, and thanked his department heads for their hard work and patience over the past several months. "This wouldn't have been possible without them," Park noted. /MIKE BAKER Staff.

Nordic Trails Association wants to build new clubhouse in Glebe Park

MIKE BAKER

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association (HHNTA) is keen to move forward with plans to build a new three-bay garage and clubhouse in Glebe Park.

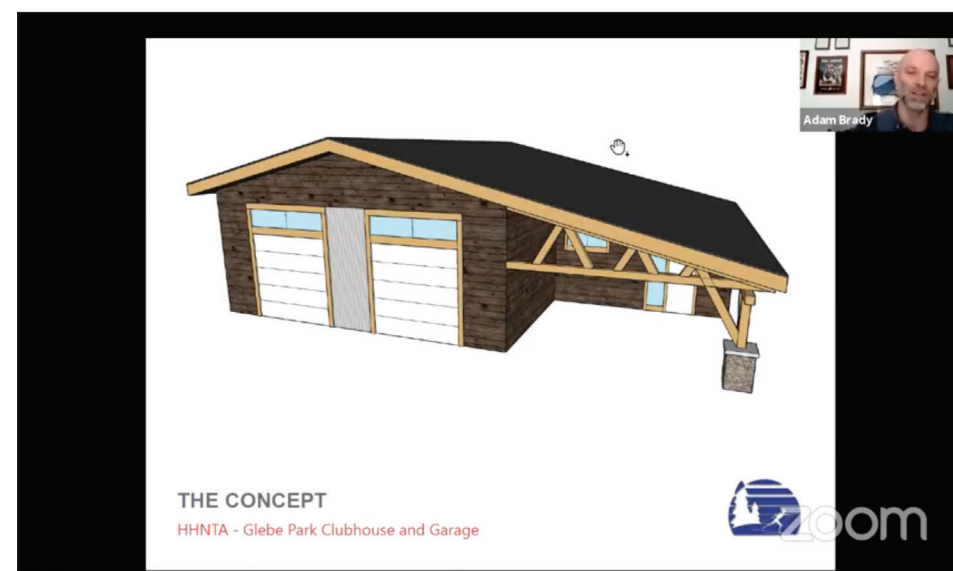
The organization presented preliminary plans to Dysart council on Tuesday, June 22, showcasing some of their ideas for the site.

HHNTA was forced, last year, to look into alternative sites to house a new garage after Dysart council agreed to gift the land where the association's current garage sits on to Fleming College. The land in question will be used to build a student residence complex.

As part of that agreement, the municipality committed to replacing the association's garage at no cost to HHNTA.

Mike Darlington, a member of HHNTA, said the association was hoping to use this as an opportunity to increase their footprint in the community, and include an indoors warming space in any conceptual design of a new garage. This space, which will double as a clubhouse, will be paid for by the association, and will help to sustain the group, which has seen considerable growth in recent years.

"HHNTA began building and maintaining ski trails in Glebe Park 40 years ago. Around 30 years ago, we built our three-bay garage to store equipment,



The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association wants to build a new clubhouse in Glebe Park. /Screen shot.

and about 20 years ago we began using a bandshell as a bit of a clubhouse for our jack rabbit program for kids," Darlington said. "We stopped using that bandshell three years ago due to deterioration of the structure. A functional, safe clubhouse is vital to our jack rabbit program – one of the most affordable outdoor youth recreational programs in Haliburton County."

He added, "That program alone has grown by more than 25 per cent this past season, a trend we expect to see in future

years."

Adam Brady, another association member, is a licensed architect and has put together some initial designs for the potential site, located near the baseball diamonds. He says the association is trying to create a building that allows itself to be adaptable in the wake of ever-rising costs and decreased availability of materials.

"For the most part, we're looking at wood siding, wood accent and maybe

throwing some steel siding on there as a feature," Brady said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts indicated the next steps would be gathering up estimates for construction costs, so that Dysart knows how much it will be on the hook for, and HHNTA knows how much it will have to come up with to fund the clubhouse component of the project. She said staff would begin work right away, with a view to getting an estimate back to council by fall. She hoped everything would be in place so that construction could begin next spring.

Ward 4 Coun. John Smith wondered why the municipality was in such a rush to push the rebuild through. He said council should take its time and assess where this project fits in with other priorities Dysart has heading into 2022.

He mentioned too his hope that staff would err more on the side of caution when coming up with estimates for the garage.

"Hopefully we get multiple estimates – [I'd like to see] a basic garage structure rather than a grandiose one. A garage is a place where some equipment can be stored," Smith said.

Given that Glebe Park is one of the community's most popular attractions, Ward 1 Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts expressed her wish that any new build fits the atmosphere of the park.

"I don't want something that's not aesthetically pleasing and doesn't fit with the theme of Glebe Park," Wood-Roberts said.

'Bittersweet' move to fuel growth at Cedar Winds Design

MIKE BAKER

Editor

It was always going to take something special for Glenn Evans to give up his space on Highland St. in Haliburton.

The owner of Cedar Winds Design and Build recently relocated his business to Industrial Park Road, taking advantage of an opportunity to merge the two sides of his business together under one 8,000 sq. ft. roof.

"It's definitely a bittersweet thing, moving from the main strip, but overall we're pretty excited about it," Evans recently told the *Echo*. "Obviously, the main street location was a huge part of our company culture. It was one of the things that made us a little different than anyone else in the industry. You're involved in the town, and you see the people. It was a huge part of our day-to-day, being in that central location, so that part we will miss."

In the end, Evans decided to bet on himself. It's what he's done ever since he launched Cedar Winds more than 20 years ago. Designing and building custom homes in the Haliburton and Minden area since 1998, Evans and his team have helped hundreds of families realize their dreams.

Business has really ramped up in recent years, which has led to Cedar Winds essentially outgrowing its previous downtown office and Mallard Road shop.

Evans took possession of his new facility at 374 Industrial Park Road on June 1.

While continuing with his bread and butter – designing and constructing new homes and completing renovations,



Glenn Evans (left) and his son Nelson Evans remove the Cedar Winds Design and Build sign from their old location on Highland Street. The business recently relocated to 374 Industrial Park Road. /SUBMITTED

Evans is making plans to take the next step and attempt to become totally self-reliant.

"One of the things we want to expand into is more manufacturing of things," Evans said. "We want to manufacture our own interior doors, trim, cabinets. There's currently a woodshop and machine shop in the building that was part of the previous owner's operation, so we will be repurposing those spaces, retool a little bit and install different types of woodworking equipment."

Having the ability to manufacture

will help Evans save money, and avoid lengthy waits for delivery. While there isn't much of a wait time right now for things such as lumber, Evans said many of the cabinet companies he deals with are quoting four months for the delivery of all new orders.

The increased space at the new site will also allow the company to manage its inventory much better than before.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Evans estimates calls for quotes and services has increased around 300 per cent. He is currently operating at full

capacity.

"We're busy and things are going well... Business peaked, I would say, last May or June. When the lockdown started happening and people were faced with being able to work from home, that's when things really started," Evans said. "Working from home put people in the frame of mind that home is home and as long as I have good internet service, it doesn't matter where I am."

"I think that's what created such a push. All of a sudden, if people could be by the lake, by their deck, on the dock, by a pool at home, lots of people were escaping, and wanting work done, because, essentially, that's their new office space," Evans added.

His team of 15 staff are fully booked through the remainder of 2021 and the early part of 2022, although there is some availability next fall.

Planning for projects a year out has been no mean feat, with Evans constantly having to assess his schedule and make sure his workers are following through on projected timelines.

As he looks ahead to the future, meaning late 2022, Evans says he expects business to keep on chugging along.

"I can't imagine that it won't be this busy still 12 months from now. We're at the point now, for major projects, where we're telling people we can't start for 14 or 15 months. Customers are saying they want sooner, but all contractors are the same right now. There's so much demand for work, that people are just going to need to be patient," Evans said.

Standby list available for end-of-day vaccines

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually June 23 and press releases from the health unit.

As of June 28, residents in the HKPR area can register to receive an end-of-day vaccine, if available, at local immunization clinics.

Residents providing their name and phone number, and available to attend a clinic within 25 to 30 minutes of receiving a call can be vaccinated without an appointment or sooner than a later-booked appointment if there are vaccine doses remaining. Participants will only be called if there are extra doses available.

"We know some of our residents are still looking to receive their first or second dose of vaccine, and we are hoping this standby list will provide another option for those individuals," said Bocking. "There could be leftover doses for a variety of reasons. Our goal is to ensure that vaccine gets into someone's arm rather than be wasted."

The standby list is available for anyone wishing to receive their first or second dose of vaccine. As of June 28, anyone aged 18 and older is eligible to receive their second dose of vaccine as long as the minimum interval between doses (21 days for Pfizer, 28 days for Moderna) has passed.

Residents are asked to visit COVID-19 Vaccine-Standby List at <http://www.hkpr.on.ca> between 8 a.m. and noon on the day they are available. Lists will be cleared each day to ensure they are current. If the standby list becomes full, it could be closed before noon.

MOH urges 'some caution' with reopening as delta variant circulates

As COVID-19 vaccination targets set by the province are met and its reopening plans move from Step 1 to Step 2, medical officers of health are following the spread of the delta variant and moving forward cautiously as the vaccine rollout continues.

"We have continued to urge some caution with reopening, especially recognizing some of the unknowns related to the delta variant that we know is circulating in the province," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR medical officer of health. "As the total number of cases has continued to come down provincially, the proportion of cases that are identified to be or expected to be the delta variant has increased. We know that the delta variant spreads easier than other variants, such as the alpha variant. We know that one dose of the vaccine is not as effective at preventing symptomatic illness from COVID-19 compared to the other variants. We're urging some caution, as we know that the delta variant will find some pockets of the province that are not fully vaccinated or have lower one dose coverage and will continue to cause some outbreaks."

Bocking said lower case counts and vaccination efforts should be celebrated.

"We want to ensure that all of the reopening is done safely and to ensure that we are not taking any steps back," said Bocking. "We want to ensure by the fall we can continue to open schools and see both in-person learning, extracurricular activities return, other social events return, and so I think we want to celebrate the progress we have made and still have some caution as we continue to open up the economy and see gatherings through-

out the summer."

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district celebrates day of zero cases

On June 22, the health unit reported no new COVID-19 cases, the first time the region saw no new cases since March 23.

"Although we recognize this does not mean the pandemic is over, it is certainly a milestone worth celebrating," said Bocking in a press release. "Like other areas of the province, we saw a spike in local cases as part of the third wave, so this decrease is a welcome sight."

Bocking said there were numerous reasons for a decrease in cases: the public following public health recommendations including mask-wearing, physical distancing and staying home when sick; and especially the COVID-19 vaccine. According to a June 22 press release, as of June 21, 73 per cent of HKPR residents 12 years of age and older have had at least one dose of vaccine.

"It's very encouraging to see so many of our residents committed to getting fully vaccinated against COVID," said Bocking. "We know many people are eagerly looking for appointments to either book their second dose or receive their second dose sooner. We will continue to be adding more clinics to the provincial booking system as we receive additional vaccine in the coming months."

At press time on June 28, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently active in Haliburton County.

Prior to March 23, the health unit last saw zero cases on Nov. 29, 2020.

Cancelling appointments

Bocking said the province has done a one-time clearing of the provincial booking system for second appointments that

are no longer needed after an accelerated appointment was made. It is supposed to happen on an ongoing basis though at this point has still been a one-time event.

For those who book an appointment or receive a vaccine earlier than their scheduled time through pop-up clinics, pharmacies or as a standby vaccine, it is recommended they log in to or call the provincial booking system to cancel their second appointment so that it can become available for someone else.

Epidemiological report

Bocking said during the press meeting that, at that time, there were 17 active cases across the entire HKPR region. The health unit has resumed contacting high risk contacts, which had shifted to a letter outlining quarantine and testing requirements when health units had reduced capacity due to a spike in COVID-19 cases in the spring. Over two weeks in April, the health unit had been notified of 282 confirmed cases and more than 500 high risk contacts.

At press time on June 28, there are zero outbreaks being reported in the HKPR region. Of the recent cases that have been reported, 28 per cent are in those under the age of 20, and 19 to 20 per cent are between the ages of 20 to 29. Of those cases, 42 per cent were identified as having a close contact source of transmission, 33 per cent were household contacts and 25 per cent did not have a known source.

Overall, Bocking said the health unit was "quite optimistic" about the continued downward trend of cases being identified, which is also generally happening throughout the province.

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Peter Brogden & Family...

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Derek was a dedicated teacher for the outdoor education program at HHSS, a football coach, mentor and friend. He is remembered for his love of the outdoors, his sense of humor, his smile and his contagious laughter. He was a teller of great stories, was eager to help others, and loved spending time in nature with his family. Due to COVID 19 a Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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■ NHL SPOTLIGHT

Duchene has coach Cherry in his corner

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The TV lights were likely bright at first on Matt Duchene's eyes, sitting in the stands of the Mellon arena in Pittsburgh. His heart was likely beating fast too; it's not every day the NHL's five prospects get to be on Coach's Corner with Don Cherry.

Any Haliburton hockey fan watching Game 3 of the Stanley Cup playoffs on TSN on Tuesday, June 2 was in for a hockey treat. Duchene was being interviewed by Don Cherry along with fellow top NHL prospects Brayden Schenn, John Tavares, Victor Hedman, and Evander Kane.

The pre-taped interview was played during the first intermission to profile the five players who are getting closer to their own dream of playing in the Stanley Cup finals.

It must have seen like Christmas in June for the 18-year-old hockey player from Haliburton. Matt and his dad, Vince Duchene, a realtor with Haliburton ReMax, were invited to the game and the traditional top prospects talk with Cherry.

It was the opportunity of a lifetime to share a true hockey story about Coach's Corner on

See **TSN** page 18



MATT JAMES/ECHO

The fun of fundraising

Grade 3 student Emily Parrish obviously enjoyed raising money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in last week's Jump Rope for Heart at Stuart Baker Elementary School. More photos on page 24

Governments pump money into infrastructure

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Any political differences were cast aside on Friday when Con-

servative MP Barry Devolin and Liberal MPP Rick Johnson toured the riding doling out millions of dollars in infrastructure funding.

While they never quite made it to Haliburton, they did talk to the *Echo* by phone on Friday night about local projects.

See **Build Canada** page 10

Road's history has two versions

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Either Kennaway Road has connected with Fishtail Lake Road since the colonization of Haliburton County or it has never existed and has been private property infringed upon by ATVers looking for a connection to their routes around Harcourt Park.

At Dysart council Monday, proponents of the wildly divergent views presented their cases in hopes that the municipality would choose a side.

"Colonization roads didn't follow survey lines. Right of way doesn't go away. That is the road allowance," Mark Coles, past president of the Haliburton ATV club, told council yesterday.

Coles presented maps to prove his point, each showing the Kennaway Road extending past the Fishtail Lake boat launch.

But the Fishtail Lake Sportsman's Club strongly disagreed, pointing out that they had already fought this battle at council in 1974 and 1984, each time with council ruling that the land was private.

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Custom-built home overlooking prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. The big-sky lake views from the main floor are breathtaking! This property checks so many boxes: 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to comfortably accommodate family and friends. Spacious great room with floor to ceiling windows and a cozy fireplace. Kitchen features solid knotty white oak cabinetry, granite counters and an island cook-top, to appease the most discerning of cooks. Master bedroom with a view, private deck, and hot tub. Walkout lower level to heated in-ground pool. 3 bay garage/workshop and so much more! This stunning spa-like property also features one-half ownership of a west-facing waterfront lot with hard sandy entry to Kashagawigamog Lake.

PERCY LAKE \$889,000



This 4-season beautiful home or cottage is located on a year-round municipal road. Stunning southern exposure. A shallow entry, beautiful sandy beach and deep water off the end of the dock. The sizeable private docking system is the ideal spot to relax and enjoy your summer days. Bright open concept living space finished with hardwood flooring, cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling windows providing ample natural lighting. Spacious kitchen. Large cedar deck with stunning open water views. Detached double garage for all your storage needs. This desirable turnkey cottage will check all your boxes.

IRONDALE RIVER \$759,000



First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

GLAMOR LAKE \$598,500



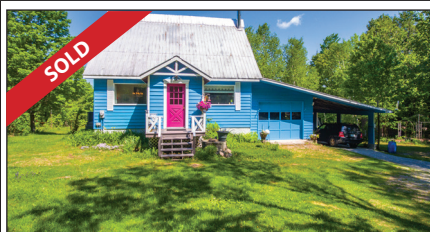
This cute 3 season cottage is situated on the water's edge in a quiet bay on Glamor Lake. Bright open concept kitchen, dining and living room finished with pine walls. This property offers 3 spacious bdrms and a 4pc bath. Plenty of room for the whole family to come and enjoy the beauty of Haliburton County. Many recent upgrades completed, including plumbing, windows, shingles, flooring, appliances and more. Beautiful sand beach with deep waters. Swim out and enjoy your very own small island. Bonus – 6.6 acres of your own land to explore.

MAIN STREET REZ \$529,000



A one-of-a-kind unique investment opportunity currently filling a great need for affordable housing in the community. "Main Street Rez" offers two residential condo units and comes fully rented and provides a substantial income per month for the owner. The 24-hour inhouse maintenance is a bonus, this will keep you stress free from the daily coordination and maintenance of condo ownership.

IRONDALE RIVER \$465,000



Peace and tranquility on 11ac. This beautiful 3-bdrm, 2 bath home is an excellent opportunity for first-time homeowners to enter the market. This home is fully winterized and would also make a fantastic year-round cottage. The beautiful riverfront offers a private sand beach and miles of river for excellent canoeing, swimming, tubing, and kayaking. Bright open concept kitchen and dining area. Listen to the bird's sing from the screened porch. Finished walk-out lower level. Relax and destress after a long day in your very own sauna.

ANGEL ROAD \$249,000



Have you been searching for a "do it yourself" project? This 2-bdrm, 1 bath dwelling is a great handyman special. Complete to your taste for your year-round home or cottage- your home away from home. The framing has been completed with Roxul insulation installed in the ceilings and walls. This property has underground hydro, drilled well, and septic. 2.226 acres of wooded grounds. Situated on a year-round road in a nice quiet area. This property has potential and endless possibilities. Being sold "as is where is."

COMMERCIAL - EAST ROAD \$135,000



It's all about the location! This commercial lot is ideally located in the heart of Carnarvon and situated on the corner of Highway 118 and East Road. The property features a charming seasonal building that dates back to the 1800's. There is hydro servicing the building but no water or septic. Tons of storage space in the attached oversized single garage with poured concrete floor. Commercial zoning and great exposure provide endless possibilities for your business.

VACANT LOTS

LITTLE GULL LAKE 0.78AC \$355,000

LOUISE LANE 35+AC \$275,000

**NEW LISTING
STILLS ROAD 1.2AC \$152,500**

NORTH DRIVE 2.08AC \$135,000



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